

Begin admits military aid to South Lebanon Christians

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Prime Minister Menachem Begin yesterday acknowledged officially that Israel has been assisting Christians in southern Lebanon in their struggle against PLO terrorists and Syrian forces by firing over the Lebanese border. It was the first such admission by an Israeli government official.

"We help them militarily. It should not be a secret," said the Prime Minister at a session of the 1977 Jerusalem Leadership Conference of Israeli Bonds, held at the Knesset. "When a barrage is being opened on Christian villages, we aim our fire at the source of hostile fire, and then it quiets down because our men can shoot accurately."

Without military assistance, he said, the Christian forces in southern Lebanon would have been "totally wiped out."

The announcement came after many months of foreign reports and refusal to comment on them by Israeli leaders — that Israel has assisted Lebanese Christians, including arming them with weapons and ammunition.

Begin stated that Israel has no reason to be on the defensive about its refusal to allow PLO participation in a reconvened Geneva conference. When the conference met originally, it was agreed that there would be no change in membership without the agreement of all the original participants.

"The U.S. made a clear commitment to this principle," the Prime Minister asserted. "A right exists in order to be used," he added, referring to Israel's veto power. "We are using that right and we shall continue to use it."

Begin reminded his audience of 100 fund-raisers and business leaders from North America that Israel is "the only country in the world"

Woman killed in PLO border push

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — A Christian Lebanese woman was killed yesterday when terrorists attacked her village, Alma el-Seab, which is located just opposite Kibbutz Hamita. Other Lebanese were injured in clashes with terrorists near the village of Yarmuk, not far from Shechem.

Exchanges of artillery fire continued in other south Lebanese enclaves as well. A Lebanese officer said yesterday that terrorists are strengthening their forces in the south and reinforcing many strongholds close to the Israeli border, among them the village of Talbeh (near Kibbutz Migav Am) and the small Moslem town of Khiam (near Metulla).

whose schools must be guarded day and night against terrorist attacks. Two Israelis have been killed and 120 wounded in terrorist action in the last six months. "We will not negotiate with people who commit these crimes," he said, calling the PLO "genociders."

The Prime Minister called on the Bonds leaders to make a special effort to honor Israel's 30th anniversary and — along with the rest of Diaspora Jewry — to double their contributions. About \$1.35b. is needed over the next four years to build decent homes for the 45,000 Israeli families now living in slum conditions. "Every extra dollar will be earmarked for that purpose."

The participants heard a similar plea from Finance Minister Simcha Elishah yesterday when he said: "One of the most meaningful ways of

celebrating the 30th anniversary of independence would be the mounting of a campaign to enroll as many as we can as partners in our joint efforts."

When the Prime Minister concluded his speech, to the cheers of the Bonds leaders, general chairman Sam Rothberg led them one by one to a wall outside the meeting room. There Begin put his arms around the men and kissed many of the women, a scene recorded by a photographer who snapped pictures of each of them. (see picture, page 2)

Post Military Correspondent Hersh Goodman adds:

Israel's military assistance programme to non-terrorist forces in southern Lebanon goes back over a year and, despite the fact that Christian militiamen have been shown on international television holding weapons with Israeli markings, Israel never previously acknowledged that it was actively helping the southerners.

According to foreign reports, Israeli military aid has been extensive and diversified, including training facilities in Israel and the provision of vintage Sherman tanks, artillery, armoured personnel carriers and uniforms.

Israel's interest in securing non-terrorist dominance in southern Lebanon is obvious, and Israel's policy in the area has always been to try to convince the inhabitants of the region that it is not in their interest to allow terrorists to use their villages for forays into Israel.

Prior to the Yom Kippur War, Israel consistently attacked terrorist bases and concentrations in the south, after terrorist attacks into Israel, often inadvertently causing damage to property and fields of the villagers. It is for this reason that the local inhabitants readily accepted Israeli military aid in an effort to control the terrorist situation from within.

Tal to study IDF reorganization

Post Military Correspondent

Defence Minister Ezer Weizman announced yesterday that Aluf (res.) Israel Tal will head a joint committee of army and defence ministry planners being set up to study the current organization of the IDF's land forces.

Tal, a former OC Armoured Corps, is in charge of the defence ministry's Merkava tank project. He is a highly respected military thinker and is known to be acceptable to the general staff.

The Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Mordechai Gur, yesterday welcomed the appointment and promised the full cooperation of the IDF.

The Israel Defence Forces have not undergone basic reorganization since 1952 despite three wars and the fact that they have grown by several thousand per cent. It has long been the consensus of opinion in the army that something should be done to streamline the day-to-day operations of the IDF, but a string of stop-gap measures have been instituted over the years instead — the most recent being the establishment of an Adjutant Corps some three months ago, to handle the growing amount of paper work.



Aluf (res.) Israel Tal. (Rubinger)

It was the feeling of some generals, however, that some basic re-thinking was needed, in light of the unprecedented growth of the IDF since the Yom Kippur War, and the growing sophistication of its weaponry.

One of the basic problems now facing the army is its high degree of centralization. Some two years ago Gur charged former OC Southern

Command Shmuel Gonen with looking into the organization of the IDF land forces to see whether there was a need for a separate land force arm with its own chief of staff and bureaucracy. Gonen found after several months of study that this was not necessary, but suggested that field units be combined.

Gur and the general staff spent three days looking into Gonen's proposals, and jointly decided that it would be better to invest resources in building additional fighting units, and less bureaucracy.

Others, however, continue to feel that the IDF has reached a point where it is becoming increasingly difficult for one man to make decisions regarding a vast range of equipment, and a wide spectrum of services.

The observers are of the opinion that the time has come for Israel to follow the example of the U.S. armed forces, where there is a Supreme Commander (or Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff) with organizational responsibility over chiefs of staff for the various arms of the defence forces. The latter are left to make independent decisions on the operational level.

'Criminal map' will help special police committee probe crime

A police committee investigating organized crime in Israel will draw up a "criminal map" of the country, police sources said yesterday.

The committee, which was formed yesterday, is headed by Nitzan Mishna Michael Buchner, head of the police special operations division. It is due to submit its findings to police commander Rav Nitzan Haim Tavori within two weeks.

Tavori, it was learned, will then submit the report to Interior Minister Yosef Burg. It is believed that the report may result in a major shake-up of the police organization, with possible large shifts of personnel from desks to more operational activities.

The committee is to chart the various types of crime committed in the country and the links between them. It will also study links between

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the underworld in Israel and that abroad.

But former police intelligence chief Shmuel Nahmias last night characterized the police move as "lip service" and a laughing-stock. He doubted whether within its two-week time limit the committee would uncover any important new information.

Nahmias noted that even at last Friday's meeting between Burg and the police brass, Nitzan Ya'akov Kodni, the head of the police investigations department, had not been present.

Meanwhile, Attorney-General Aharon Barak said last night that MK Ehud Olmert has not yet contacted him about removing his parliamentary immunity. Olmert

said on Sunday that he would ask Barak for a ruling on whether he could remove his immunity in order to allow Aluf (res.) Rahavim Ze'evi to sue him for libel. Olmert has accused Ze'evi of using threats as a matter of course and of using his influence to aid Ze'evi's alleged friends in the underworld.

But Barak pointed out that although the Knesset could remove immunity for a criminal offence, the act of removing immunity in the course of a Knesset member's activities was not removable.

It remained to be clarified whether Olmert's comments on Ze'evi were uttered as part of Olmert's role as a Knesset member, Barak continued.

But the attorney-general refused to comment on this last point. (See Tomorrow, page 9)

U.S. dollar ends six-week slump

BRUSSELS (UPD). — The U.S. dollar rose dramatically on European exchanges yesterday to close in Frankfurt at its best level since it started its six-week slump on July 5.

The dollar's heyday was attributed by a Belgian banker to weekend statements by U.S. Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal and West German Finance Minister Hans Apel.

"There can be little doubt that Blumenthal's statement of confidence in the dollar helped the American currency stabilize," the banker said.

U.S. officials: No evidence uranium reached Israel

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Officials from two federal agencies responsible for assuring the safekeeping of nuclear materials yesterday said the U.S. government has no hard evidence that some of the more than 8,000 pounds of highly-enriched plutonium and uranium lost over the years may have wound up in unauthorized hands.

Testifying before a special session of the House Subcommittee on Energy and Power, the officials insisted repeatedly that they had no evidence that any of the material was illegally transferred to Israel.

The officials, representing the Energy Research and Development Authority and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, maintained yesterday — as they had done last week — that the missing plutonium and uranium had simply become trapped in machinery, wip-

ing cloths and scrap and then lost in crude statistical and measuring systems.

They also contended that there was no hard evidence that missing nuclear materials from an Apollo, Pennsylvania, facility had been stolen by Israeli agents in the mid-1960's — as has been speculated in the American press.

"The New York Times," "The Washington Star" and other U.S. newspapers have quoted U.S. intelligence officials as claiming that some of the nuclear material may have wound up in Israel.

NEUTRON. — Twenty-eight European and North American Communist parties yesterday joined in an unusual display of public unity to call on the U.S. to ban production of the neutron bomb. The statement was released by the official East German news agency ADN.

U.S. push for PLO at Geneva

Israeli leaders begin their talks with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance today under the disconcerting influence of President Carter's statement yesterday of PLO "hints" to the U.S. that it may accept Security Council resolution 242. The new departure seems to make it clear that Washington is no longer seeking ways of keeping the PLO out of Geneva but rather ways of bringing it in.

In Saudi Arabia yesterday, Vance's spokesman acknowledged that Washington was no longer insisting on the PLO amending its "Covenant" calling for the destruction of Israel, but would make do with acceptance of 242.

Since Israel is not expected to make do with that, "tough talks" are foreseen between Vance and the Israeli negotiators.

Carter: U.S. is 'in contact' with PLO

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WASHINGTON. — President Jimmy Carter yesterday confirmed that the U.S. has been in indirect contact with the PLO and said it has been encouraged by indications that the organization might accept U.N. Security Council Resolution 242.

Meeting with reporters in Plains, Georgia, the president said: "I hope we can work out something about the Palestinians. That is the biggest problem now."

Carter said that the U.S. has communicated with the PLO through the governments of Egypt, Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia. But he said this was not done directly, because the organization is still committed to Israel's destruction.

Asked what the PLO was saying in the indirect contacts, Carter replied: "That they may accept Resolution 242, which does recognize Israel's right to exist permanently and in peace with secure borders."

The terrorists were reported to be willing to accept resolution 242 if it was amended to include a reference to the "national rights of the Palestinians."

Carter said that if the PLO would indeed recognize 242 it "would open up a new opportunity for us to start discussions with them, and also open up an avenue that might lead to their participation in a Geneva conference."

He expressed hope that the PLO might in fact accept the resolution as it now stands, even though the organization might later announce its own interpretation of it.

"If the Palestinians should say, 'we recognize 242 in its entirety but we think the Palestinians have additional status other than just refugees,' that would suit us okay," the president said.

It was clear to political observers here that Carter was seeking to encourage PLO acceptance of the resolution by throwing out this remark.

But E. A. Tamm, after the president spoke, a PLO official in Beirut denied that the organization was going to accept resolution 242.

The Carter remarks, coming on the heels of indications from



President Jimmy Carter slams ball hurled by brother Billy Carter (not pictured) for a double during early innings of a friendly weekend softball game at Plains, Ga. between the President and his White House staff and members of the news media. Bill reinforced the news-media team. The President and his family are on vacation until tomorrow. (UPI telephoto)

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's party in the Middle East that major U.S. differences with Israel were emerging as American-Arab differences seem to have narrowed, will no doubt concern Israel, which has ruled out negotiations with the terrorist movement under any circumstances.

There have been indications here over the past few weeks that the Carter Administration is slowly moving away from the U.S.'s traditionally strong opposition to the PLO. The president now speaks in positive terms about dealing with the PLO if that organization should revise its stand. This has always been implied in the past, but phrased negatively — the U.S. will not deal

with the PLO if it does not accept resolution 242. (Continued on page 2, col. 2)

U.S. optimistic as Vance arrives here

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U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance begins his talks in Jerusalem today against the background of what appears to be a concerted effort by the Carter administration to boost hopes that a Middle East breakthrough might be in the offing due to a possible de facto recognition of Israel by the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

A fresh note sounded by Vance was that the U.S. administration might modify its position on the PLO now that the organization is reported to be considering accepting U.N. Resolution 242, which governs the Israel-Arab peace negotiations in Geneva.

State Department spokesman Hoddington Carter, accompanying Vance on his current Middle East tour, had earlier quoted Saudi Arabian officials in Taef as saying that the PLO would announce a change in its attitude to resolution 242 soon.

PLO spokesmen, however, have made conflicting comments. Some denied any such intention, while others said that the organization would change its attitude to 242 provided an amendment is attached extending political, rather than mere refugee, status to the Palestinians and recognizing their right to compensation for property in pre-1967 Israel.

The State Department spokesman said that the U.S. has dropped its demand that the PLO revise its national charter, which, in more than one clause, considers the State of Israel as "null and void." He said that if the PLO accepts the U.N. resolution, the U.S. would support the PLO's claim to participate in forthcoming talks — on behalf of the Palestinian Arabs — without a change in the charter.

"As far as the secretary (of state) is concerned, the acceptance of U.N. resolution 242 would accomplish the same purpose as changing the charter," the spokesman was quoted as saying. This was in sharp contrast to a statement by Vance last February, when he said that the PLO had to alter its national covenant before the U.S. could deal with the organization.

Vance is due to arrive in Israel today from Saudi Arabia — his fifth stop in a tour of five Arab nations and Israel. He has already visited Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan. The secretary is scheduled to revisit Alexandria, Damascus and Amman after his talks here.

The secretary set out on his current mission last Sunday to lay the groundwork for reconvening the Geneva Middle East Conference in October with the original participants — Israel, Egypt, Syria and Jordan, as well as the U.S. and the Soviet Union, co-chairmen, and the U.N. Secretary-General. On Arab insistence, however, he was forced to shift the focus of his mission from procedural matters to substantive issues including the definition of peace, the concept of future boundaries and the political future of the Palestinian Arabs. Israel has maintained that all substantive matters should only be raised in face-to-face negotiations with the Arabs.

An Egyptian proposal last week to set up a "working group" of Middle East foreign ministers to prepare for Geneva peace negotiations was killed by Syria and Jordan, both of which have insisted that the parties should meet in Geneva following a thorough preparation of the groundwork on substantive issues in dispute.

The following conclusions appear to have emerged so far from Vance's mission:

• The Arabs remain adamant in their refusal to discuss compromises either on the question of Israel's withdrawal to the pre-1967 war frontiers or on the issue of establishing a "homeland" for the Palestinian Arabs on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip. They indicated, however, that they were leaving doors open for negotiating the nature of a final peace as well as border security arrangements.

• The U.S. remains committed to its conception that a Middle East settlement will have to include three main components: the nature of peace, a negotiated Israeli withdrawal from territories captured in the 1967 war, and the organization.

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U.S. committed to resist 242 changes

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WASHINGTON. — American officials yesterday confirmed that the U.S. cannot agree to any change proposed by Israel in U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 without first breaking a major U.S. commitment to Israel.

The officials were referring to article four of the U.S.-Israel memorandum of agreement on U.S. political, economic and military assurances to Israel. The memorandum followed the signing of the second Sinai disengagement accord with Egypt in September, 1976.

That article reads: "The U.S. will oppose and, if necessary, vote against any initiative in the Security Council to alter adversely the terms of reference of the Geneva Peace Conference or to change resolutions 242 and 338 in ways which are incompatible with their original purpose."

The secret U.S.-Israel memorandum of agreement, which was leaked to the press shortly after it was signed, also includes other important constraints on U.S. policy vis-à-vis the Geneva Conference. President Carter last week said that his administration continues to feel obligated by these U.S. commitments, negotiated by then Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

The U.S. assurances now appear to have taken on added significance as efforts aimed at reconvening the conference intensify and as a formula to resolve the difficult question of Palestinian representation at Geneva is sought.

Israeli negotiators can be expected to point out these commitments when they open talks with Secretary of State Vance in Jerusalem today.

Since 1967, the U.S. has blocked all efforts in the Security Council by either the Arab states or the Soviet Union to rewrite resolution 242, which today is the only agreed basis for negotiations. The PLO rejects the resolution because it addresses the Palestinian Arab question only in terms of refugees.

Yesterday, U.S. sources conceded that Israel appears to have the U.S. "boxed in," even if Washington agreed to a change.

The 1975 memorandum of agreement also prevents the U.S. from dealing with the PLO so long as it refuses to accept resolutions 242 and 338 and Israel's right to exist: "The U.S. Government will consult fully and seek to concert its position and strategy at the Geneva Peace Conference on this issue with the Government of Israel," the memorandum continues.

"Similarly, the U.S. will consult fully and seek to concert its position and strategy with Israel with regard to the participation of any other additional states. It is understood that the participation at a subsequent

phase of the conference of any possible additional state, group or organization will require the agreement of all the initial participants."

The former Rabin government had insisted on this U.S.-Israel memorandum before signing the Sinai accord with Egypt. That agreement saw Israel withdraw from strategic Sinai mountain passes and the Abu Rodeis oilfields in exchange for virtually no Egyptian concessions, and for a pledge to extend the life of the U.N. peace-keeping force in Sinai for at least three years.

Israeli officials have always believed that the major benefit Israel received in that agreement consisted of U.S. pledges of considerable economic and military support, as well as of crucial commitments of political and diplomatic support.

"The diplomatic commitments now appear to be paying off," one U.S. source said yesterday, indicating that he regarded the Rabin government as having been "far-sighted" in demanding these concessions from Washington.

"Without those commitments in writing," he went on to say, "I doubt whether the Carter Administration would have felt itself so bound to support the Israeli view."

Other major diplomatic commitments made by Kissinger in the 1975 memorandum include the following points:

• "The U.S. will make every effort to ensure that all the substantive negotiations will be on a bilateral basis." This would appear to rule out a proposed calling for an all-Arab delegation, which would deal with Israel together instead of as individual states.

• "The U.S. and Israel will concert action to assure that the conference will be conducted in a manner consistent with the objectives of this document and with the declared purpose of the conference, namely the advancement of a negotiated peace between Israel and its neighbours." This indicates U.S. support for what Israel regards as "real peace," not merely an end to the state of belligerency.

• "The Geneva Peace Conference will be reconvened at a time coordinated between the U.S. and Israel."

In addition, the U.S. promised that it "will seek to ensure that the role of the co-sponsors (of the Geneva Conference, namely the U.S. and the USSR) will be consistent with what was agreed in the memorandum of understanding between the U.S. Government and the Government of Israel of December 30, 1972." (This earlier memorandum, which remains secret, is held to deal with an American pledge not to impose a superpower settlement on the Middle East.)

Israel braces for Vance pressure to recognize PLO

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There was uneasiness in Jerusalem yesterday on the eve of Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's arrival, in view of what appeared to be a carefully engineered and deliberately timed American effort to push Israel and the PLO closer to each other and to Geneva.

Whether or not the PLO's ostensibly imminent acceptance of Security Council resolution 242 in fact constitutes a recognition of Israel, here start this afternoon, Vance can be expected to press the Israeli leaders to adopt the U.S.'s own stand on the PLO — namely, recognition in return for recognition.

Such a shift by Israel would certainly give the U.S. and Saudis (and Egyptians) added ammunition with which to bombard the PLO in order to elicit from the latter the acceptance of 242 that Washington hopes for, and the implicit recognition of Israel that it says it would see in such a move.

But observers considered it most unlikely that any such shift would in fact be agreed to by Israel. Indeed, a "member of the Israeli negotiating team" was quoted by Israel Television last night as saying that he "has no doubt as to whether the PLO did or did not recognize Resolution 242. And Premier Begin, earlier in the day, stated categorically that PLO participation at Geneva was 'out of the question... completely unacceptable.'"

There has always been an area of deliberate vagueness in the Israeli position — both that of the previous government and of this government — on the question of possible mutual recognition between the PLO and Israel.

Former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and his foreign minister Yigal Alon were wont to deflect specific questions by dubbing them "hypothetical" or observing that "if my grandmother had wheels she'd be a bus."

Israeli leaders always avoided having to say outright that even if the PLO expressed recognition of Israel, or acceptance of 242, Israel would in all likelihood maintain its refusal to have dealings with them.

But there can be little doubt that that was in fact the stand of the previous government, and remains the stand under Begin. The "Yariv-Shevet formula" — whereby Israel was to announce its readiness to negotiate with any Palestinian Arab organization that recognized it, that accepted 242, and that resisted from terror — was specifically rejected by the previous cabinet, and has not been adopted by the present one.

This difference between Israel's stand and that of the U.S. has always been present, but has never been of practical relevance — until now. Now, it seems, Washington wants Israel to effectively adopt the American position and promise to do business with the PLO if the latter accepts 242.

Is this new departure in the American peacemaking effort a breach of Washington's bilateral agreements with Jerusalem? Legal observers pointed out last night that in the Memorandum of Agreement appended to Sinai II, Washington had pledged to abide by its stand on the PLO, i.e., not "to recognize nor negotiate" with the PLO until the latter recognizes Israel and accepts 242 and 338. The clear implication was that Washington favoured mutual recognition.

However, U.S. pressure on Israel to accept the PLO at Geneva, after the PLO had accepted 242, would be a contravention of another clause in the Memorandum, that: "The participation... of any possible additional state, group or organization will require the agreement of all the initial participants."

Furthermore, legal observers here noted, the conditions now set by President Carter for acceptance of the PLO at Geneva do not include the

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Ephraim Katzir yesterday received Ben-Zion Heshet and David Pital, members of the executive of the Public Committee for Soviet Jewry. He also received 100 American leaders of the Israel Bonds organization.

Shimon Ravid was named director-general of the Jewish Agency's settlement department yesterday. He replaces Yehiel Admoni, who has been nominated as the government's adviser to the Third World on settlement and agriculture.

Religious Affairs Ministry director-general Yisrael Lippel held a luncheon at the Jerusalem Plaza Hotel yesterday in honour of Archimandrite Seraphim, who is leaving his post as head of the Russian Orthodox church in the capital after seven years here. Also attending were other clergymen and MKs Menahem Hacohen, Shlomo Hillel and Shmuel Toledano.

Mayor Teddy Kolek yesterday met with two girls from York in England, Susan Scholey and Allison Roden, who won a joint first prize in an essay competition on Israel organized by the York Anglo-Israel Friendship Society. The girls presented the Mayor with a gift from the York Lord Mayor I. Hibbert.

Participants in the seventh World Congress of Jewish Studies last night attended a reception hosted by Hebrew University President Abraham Harman at the University's Beit Hachochim Faculty Club on the Givat Ram campus.

DEPARTURES

Professor K. J. Mann, director general of the Hadassah Medical Organization, to attend the Hadassah National Convention in New York.

Getz to play in charity concert

American jazz star Stan Getz will perform in a charity concert for the Han-Alyn hospital in Jerusalem in the city's Plaza Hotel on Saturday night at 8.30. Getz will play with children from the hospital who use specially adapted instruments; tickets are available at the Han-Alyn hospital and at the hotel.

THE CENTRAL bus station in Tel Aviv will undergo a face-lifting this month, when traffic signs will be changed and public structures painted. New toilet fixtures will also be installed in an operation to be financed by the city.

Zorea turns down talk with Likud DMC still mum on Zorea's future

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The Control Committee of the Democratic Movement for Change was last night expected to discuss DMC Knesset member Meir Zorea's attack on his colleagues MKs Meir Amit and Amnon Rubinstein.

Meanwhile, Zorea — who had accused the two of wrecking recent negotiations to join the government — turned down an invitation to meet with a Likud leader.

Some DMC leaders, such as MK Mordechai Viranovsky, argued that the control committee should limit itself to cases of unethical conduct. Last week's incident, in which Zorea accused Amit and Rubinstein of purposely torpedoing the coalition negotiations and subverting Yigael Yadin's leadership, should be discussed in the movement's Council, he argued.

But the committee's acting chairman, Attorney Dan Zimmerman, yesterday informed the Council's

President, Dr. Israel Katz, that the matter is now sub judice as far as the Council is concerned.

The committee was yesterday believed to have considered how to tackle the case, but Zimmerman refused to reveal details. "It's best that we discuss our affairs quietly, and when we reach conclusions — we, or the party forums which are connected with the public will decide what to do with them. I wouldn't want to reveal any detail of our deliberations," he stressed.

The Likud leader who asked to meet Zorea did not ask him to join the bloc. Zorea, who declared last week that he might quit the Knesset but wouldn't dream of crossing the floor to the Likud, said he told the caller their meeting should be postponed "for a few weeks." He explained that under the present circumstances he would not want to hold meetings with either coalition or opposition leaders.

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Sugar beet farmers may stop crop

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TEL AVIV. — The sugar-beet farmers are threatening to stop growing their crop after a Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism decision to cut the price the country's mills pay for the beet. (The cut is to meet the sinking world price of sugar.)

At a stormy meeting of the farmers at the Histadrut's Agricultural Centre here, the farmers warned that they would simply grow something else on their fields.

Santa Joseph of the Agricultural Centre said that the farmers must show the government their power by meeting its plans with stiff opposition. She said farmers had differences with the previous Labour governments too, but after a round of talks agreement was always reached.

The Ministry of Industry proposal is to lower last year's price of IL435 per ton to IL350, plus compensation for rise in production costs.

The farmers say the new price will barely meet their production costs.

The Agriculture Ministry had come out with a stiff statement in support of most of the farmers' demands and against the industry Ministry's intentions. The Agriculture Ministry's only compromise towards the plans is to leave the price at IL435 per ton and to compensate the farmers for only half of the rise in production costs.

At a meeting of representatives of the two ministries no agreement was reached. Talks will be resumed today between the two Ministers, Ariel Sharon and Yigael Yadin.

The Agriculture Ministry will not intervene in the farmers' decision whether or not to grow sugar beets. The Jerusalem Post learned from ministry sources. But officials fear that if the farmers get low prices they will simply not plant the beets next month, and the workers of the two sugar refinery plants will thus have not enough work.



Staff of the King David hotel making final preparations yesterday for Secretary of State Vance's Jerusalem stay. (Simphot)

Jews termed Christians; Vance regrets gaffe

TAIF, Saudi Arabia. — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance yesterday apologized to reporters travelling with him that their hotel registration cards had been filled out before they arrived here to designate them all as "Christian."

Vance issued a statement through his spokesman saying that the advance completion of the registration cards "including the entry on religion was a mistake which we sincerely regret. The action does not reflect either Embassy or U.S. government policy."

(One non-Jewish reporter had found his hotel registration card listing both his religion and profession as "Christian.")

Some Jewish reporters with Vance had crossed out the "Christian" and

IAI builds new Arava with more range and power

Israel Aircraft Industries have built an improved version of the light Arava plane — with wings and a more powerful engine — after giving up plans to build a larger plane.

Instead of pulling out the Arava's fuselage to accommodate more freight or passengers, aeronautical engineers at IAI added wings near the plane's nose and boosted the power of the plane's two engines.

The prototype of the new plane has already flown 100 test flights and shown that it climbs 20 per cent faster than the old Arava.

The new plane weighs 3.5 tons — one ton more than the old version — and can carry 800 more kilograms of fuel, extending its range by 800 km.

The IAI directorate has not yet decided whether to manufacture the improved Arava on a commercial basis.

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Three killed on dark roads

Jerusalem Post Staff

HAIFA. — Truck driver Meir Sabagh, 22, of Tel Sheva village, was killed Sunday night on the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway near Ashdod after first apparently falling asleep at the wheel. Sabagh collided with the truck in front of him, and was then killed by a passing car while placing a warning triangle next to his stalled vehicle.

Yasov Sherut, 67, of Haifa, the driver of the car, was not able to see Sabagh on the dark road. Mrs. Sherut, who was in the car at the time, was injured.

Sabagh was killed in a road accident Sunday night was Zippora Hochmet, 35, and her 8-year-old son Meir. A 10-year-old adopted daughter was critically injured. Mrs. Hochmet and the two children had traveled from their home in Bat Yam by bus to visit relatives on Moshav Yamun. Descending from the bus, they ran across the dark, busy Ashdod-Mamshay highway and were struck by a car whose driver didn't see them in time. The driver is being held for questioning.

New gates planned to control crowd at B.G. airport

BEN-GURION AIRPORT (Him). — The management of the airport yesterday announced that it would rebuild the exit hall for arriving passengers — after police had to be called in yesterday to make a way through the waiting crowds.

Crowds waiting for arriving passengers formed a human barricade around the exit gates yesterday, trapping passengers in the stifling heat. The customs guards were also pushed inside the customs hall until police arrived to clear a passage.

The airport management said it plans new gates which would keep the crowds at a distance from arriving passengers. But it added that it could not make the changes now, at the height of the tourist season.

Israel braces

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PLO's amendment of its "Palestine Covenant" was a serious warning earlier declared that the U.S. would insist on this. The Covenant includes clauses calling for the dismantling of Israel and the expulsion of Jews who arrived after 1917.

Government sources here rejected the argument that acceptance of 242 would mean an implicit renunciation of parts of the PLO Covenant. The Covenant, they maintained, was the "constitution" of the PLO and, so long as it was not amended, it remained the authoritative expression of PLO policy aims.

On an official level, ministers and aides maintained a stony silence last night in the face of the welter of reports from Plains, Georgia, and from Taef, Saudi, all of which spoke of a marked shift in the direction of U.S. peacemaking efforts.

Plainly the talks with Vance today and tomorrow will be a test of the "discussion of procedural issues" that had been optically anticipated here only a week ago. There will be much hard talking on the main substantive issues of the Middle-East conflict. Officials here seemed to be quietly bracing themselves for the encounter.

THE BUILDING which formerly housed the now defunct American College in Jerusalem's Kiryat Moshe quarter, has been purchased by the Meyer Institute of Jewish studies, for IL5.5m.

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Bromine fumes send 13 to hospital

By ZVI ABENSTEIN
Post Negve Reporter

BEERSHEVA. — 13 employees of the Bromine Compounds plant here were hospitalized Sunday evening after breathing bromine vapours which had escaped from a container close to where they were working.

Shalom Kopelman, manager of the plant, told The Jerusalem Post that the gas came from a puncture in the container and had not escaped from the actual production line. He said that the vapours, if breathed in concentrated amounts, can lead to death, but that the workers had probably not taken in that much gas.

Only one of the workers was

brought directly to Soroka Medical Centre here when he began coughing. Fellow workers who came to visit him at the hospital were then observed to also be suffering from the same symptoms and were ordered hospitalized. A special emergency ward was opened in the hospital's basement to care for the unusually large number of patients.

A hospital spokesman yesterday described their illness as "moderately slight" and said they would probably be released today. Doctors suspect that the after-effects of the gas might only show up today, but expect the patients to be released if nothing is observed.

U.S.-PLO contact

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with the PLO because it calls for Israel's destruction.

Israel supporters here are expressing concern over this apparent expression in the U.S. stand. It seems to contradict some of what Carter told a delegation of American Jewish leaders a few days before Prime Minister Menahem Begin arrived here for talks last month.

Judging from reports from the Vance party, the Americans seem to be anxious to achieve as much agreement as possible on the negotiating principles in advance of Geneva, while Israel does not want to negotiate these issues beforehand.

Prime Minister Begin has said that Israel will negotiate with the Arab states — at Geneva or elsewhere — but not with the U.S.

In a front-page report yesterday, "New York Times" diplomatic correspondent Bernard Gwertman quoted American officials as predicting a possible confrontation between Carter and Begin over U.S.-Israeli differences.

"Such a clash was avoided by mutual consent when Mr. Begin visited Washington last month, and it may possibly be avoided when Mr. Vance goes to Israel," the cor-

respondent said.

"But the ingredients are there for a new round of Israeli-American disputes over how to organize a Middle East peace."

Gwertman said the U.S. "seems to want" Israel to agree in principle that it will withdraw from most of the territory captured during the 1967 war, including the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"The United States would also like Mr. Begin to agree that the PLO could take part in the talks if it accepts Israel's right to exist and relevant UN Security Council resolutions," he added. "If Mr. Begin will not accept this, the U.S. wants to be free itself to deal with the PLO if it meets these conditions."

The "Times" correspondent also said that if Israel sticks to the Begin plan and refuses to make commitments before Geneva, "the United States will make public a 'Vance Plan' or 'Carter Plan' outlining what it believes to be the essential elements of a peace package."

The Americans think that Mr. Begin, who must rely on a narrowly-based coalition in parliament, cannot afford a major dispute with the U.S. particularly if the argument is over the elements of a peace plan that seem to be equitable."

Nissim slated for Liberal Party head

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

The Liberal Party's Executive is expected to elect MK Moshe Nissim to the post of acting chairman of the Executive.

The election, scheduled for Thursday, is designed to relieve Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich of the burden of leading the party, although Ehrlich will continue to carry the title of chairman. A similar move was taken in Harut recently when MK Moshe Arens was elected to fill in for Prime Minister Menahem Begin.

The Liberal Party Executive is also expected to elect David Stern, the Deputy Mayor of Tel Aviv, to the post of chairman of the party's central committee.

Israeli hens best layers in world

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israeli hens are the best layers in the world — according to the Singapore government, which annually conducts an international contest among the world's best poultry breeders.

The chicks of the Israeli Poultry Breeders Union received the highest number of points, not only in laying but also in digestion, high egg weight, and low mortality rate. The net income per layer was 10.96 Singapore dollars (about IL2.40).

Israeli poultry breeders are now awaiting the results of the international broiler-chicken test, scheduled to be held in another two weeks.

Committee to study kibbutzim and taxes

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich has appointed Israel Strauss, the president of the Institute of

Chartered Accountants, as chairman of a committee to study the income tax system as applied to kibbutzim and moshavim shufutim.

The committee will examine the income tax system in view of the specific character and social structure of the kibbutz, and will recommend changes, if necessary, in the income tax ordinances and their practical application.

Friends and family of the late
SENDER REICHERT ז"ל
and his wife
CHANNA ז"ל
of London
are advised that the unveiling of the tombstones will take place at Har Hamenuchot, Jerusalem, tomorrow, Wednesday, August 10, 1977, at 12 noon.

On the thirtieth day after the death of our dear
NECHEMIA HERBERT SUSSMAN ז"ל
a memorial service and tombstone unveiling will take place on Thursday, August 11, 1977 at 4 p.m.
Family and friends will meet at the main entrance to the Kiryat Samir Cemetery, Haifa.
The Family

With deep sorrow, we announce the sudden passing in Switzerland of
MARGARETE MARX
She donated her body to science.
Irgun Olav Merkes Europa
Beit Horan Baka

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of our mother, grandmother and sister
RECHEL SCHIFF ז"ל
New York — Netanya
The funeral was held on Friday, August 5, 1977.
Shiva at the Fox Residence, Mavo Hama'avak, French Hill, Jerusalem.
The Bereaved Family

I regret to announce the death of my beloved mother
ERNA GLUECKSMANN
who bequeathed her body to science.
In the name of the family
Kaspa Levin née Gluecksmann
Haifa, August 8, 1977

On the thirtieth day after the death of the head of our family
FRITZ JEHOASHUA KROCH ז"ל
there will be a memorial service at the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery on Thursday, August 11, 1977 at 5 p.m.
We shall meet at the entrance of the cemetery.
The Family

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of my wife, our mother and grandmother

BETTY BEIN née Bildstein
The funeral will take place today, Tuesday, August 9, 1977, at 3 p.m., leaving from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour for the Mount of Olives.
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Michael, Eliot, Benoit, Anat,
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The Family

One year has passed since our beloved
Professor J. YANNAI TABB
left us forever.
Friends and relatives will meet at the cemetery of Arad, Friday, August 12 at 12.30 p.m.
JEAN TABB

Vance begins talks

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political future of the Palestinian Arabs. Except for a slight narrowing of the gap over the first component, Washington has indicated that it feels the parties remain wide apart on substantive issues which will require further bilateral consultations with Israel and the Arabs.

The U.S. has moved away from an Israeli-proposed resumption of the Geneva Conference "without preconditions" in favour of a pre-negotiated conference.

The U.S. has begun to consider incorporating in its peace efforts the Palestinian Arabs, including the PLO leadership, whose absence Washington feels might adversely affect any possible movement towards peace.

Furthermore, the U.S. has displayed an inclination to identify itself with a number of Arab positions, including that which stresses the core issue in the conflict with Israel is the West Bank.

Almost all Arab countries involved in the Middle East conflict demand that a plebiscite for self-determination be held there — following an Israeli pullback — although they differ on whether the PLO should enter the picture before or after the referendum takes place.

The political leadership in the West Bank itself remains divided into two major camps: one sympathizing with Jordan and the other supporting the PLO. The latter camp includes radical "rejectionists" who view the emergence of any independent Palestinian entity on the West Bank as "a first step" towards dismantling Israel and establishing a "secular" Palestinian state.

The West Bankers currently depend heavily on Israel economically. The territory's trade with Israel last year amounted to IL4,735m. in imports and IL4,608m. in exports — compared with IL3,62m. in imports from and IL3,52m. in exports to Jordan.

The West Bank's budget this year totals IL485.4m., of which Israel covers a deficit of IL326m. The military administration in the area employs 689 Israeli civilians and 10,502 local Arabs, of whom 7,600 are employed in education. The remaining 2,900 are employed in the branches of the various ministries.

The 5.9m. dunam territory, of some 675,000 inhabitants, includes 700,000 dunams of state land and 300,000 dunams of desert "considered as state land." There are 430,000 dunams and 11,000 buildings belonging to Arab absentee owners in neighbouring countries and 32,000 dunams and 100 buildings which belong to Israelis — who are not members of settlements set up during the past ten years.

The West Bank economy is heavily based on agriculture, which provides 30 per cent of the "national" income there. Agricultural products last year amounted to IL2,500m.

Agriculture also makes up 30 per cent of the local income in the Gaza Strip, where the population is estimated at 400,000. Field products in the latter territory totalled IL4,600m. last year.

Some 45,000 skilled and unskilled labourers from both areas work in Israel every day.

11 Vietnamese to emigrate

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Eleven of the 65 Vietnamese refugees settled in Ofakim have decided to emigrate to France and Iran.

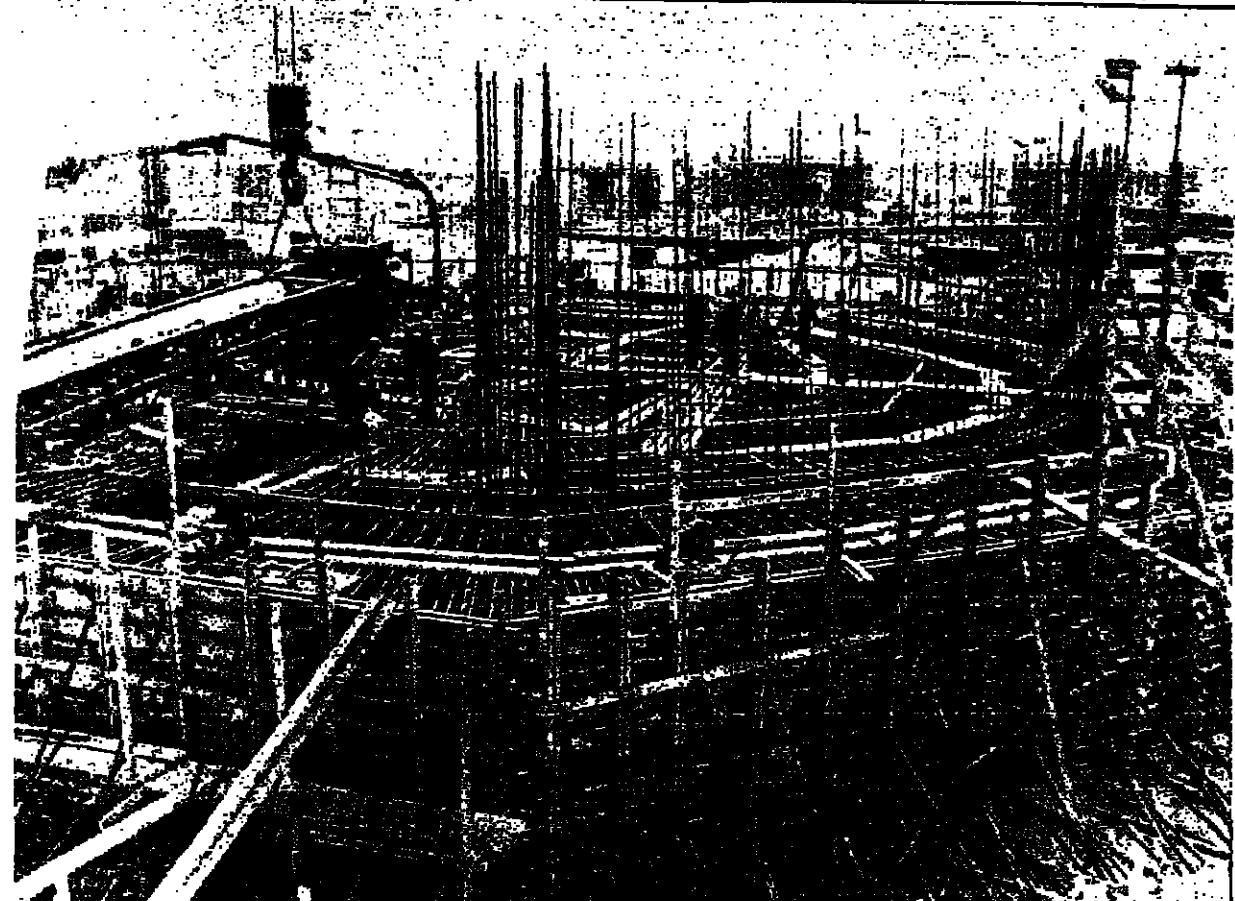
They will leave behind friends and relatives who, for the time being, have decided to learn Hebrew in the local ulpan and tour the country. The Vietnamese were rescued last

June by an Israeli merchant ship in the Far East, after no other nation had offered them a haven.

BRITISH AIRWAYS expects to carry more than 60,000 passengers on its London-Tel Aviv-London route in the April-October season. This figure marks an increase of 15 per cent over the same period in 1976.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Ruhama and family on the passing of our very good friend
JULIAN MELTZER
Jean and Sam Rothberg

הקדמת אל תשל



Construction workers make a final check before starting the largest cement casting ever undertaken in Israel—at the base of the chimney of the Electric Corporation's new power station at Hadera. The casting started yesterday morning

and was due to be completed today, with 30 cement mixers providing a constant flow to provide the 2,400 cubic metres of cement needed for the base of the 250 metre chimney.

(Nofim)

Kiryat Hayovel congregation seeks place to pray away from pool

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Jerusalem Municipality is seeking alternate accommodations in Kiryat Hayovel for a congregation displaced from the Lown Community Centre by a rabbinical ruling. Chief Sephardi Rabbi Ovadia Yosef declared recently that the congregation could not use the centre, where it had prayed for three years, because a swimming pool in the same building is open to the public on the Sabbath.

The municipal spokesman said yesterday that the pool and synagogue have separate entrances on opposite sides of the building. Furthermore, he said, the pool is open to the public on the Sabbath only after the end of prayers, so that prayers are not disturbed. In view of Rabbi Yosef's ruling, however, the Municipality and the congregation are now seeking premises in a school or other suitable building.

Dispute on size of ship's staff delays sailing

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — "Intensive talks" to settle the dispute over the number of men who will man Zim's new container ship, Sigal, were underway yesterday between the shipping company and the Seamen's Union.

The 9,000-ton ship was completed in the Israel Shipyards over three weeks ago. She has been tied up in the port since then at a cost of \$2,800 a day because of disagreement on the size of her complement. Zim spokesman Elyahu Shragai said on Sunday that "we prefer to lose \$2,800 a day now rather than establish a precedent that may cost us millions for redundant crew members. Three more ships of the same type are being built, and Zim wants the ships to operate with smaller crews."

The union originally sought a 26-man complement; Zim however insisted 22 men were enough. The two sides are now near agreement on 22 men, but the union is still asking for an extra man for the catering staff during the summer, when the families of crew members are permitted to accompany them.

Israel fourth after 14 bridge rounds

ELLSINORE, Denmark (Reuter). — Israel has fallen to fourth place in the European Bridge Championship standings after losing two matches — to Sweden, 15-2, in the 14th session and to Switzerland, 15-4, in the 15th session. Sweden and Italy have emerged as the two main contenders. Sweden leads with 231 points, followed by Italy with 218. Third is Denmark with 198, a point ahead of Israel at 186. Switzerland, Britain and Norway are next in the standings after 14 rounds. In the women's division, Israel gave second-place Italy plenty of difficulty before losing by the narrow margin of 11-9. First-place Britain won two victories.

Mother of triplets awarded scholarship

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A mother of triplets, Zofira Pe'eri, was one of 23 students at Tel Aviv University to receive merit scholarships yesterday. The scholarships, totalling IL200,000, were based on both economic need and academic excellence. Recipients were from all faculties and included candidates for bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

Bahamas landing rights for El Al

Jerusalem Post Reporter
El Al was yesterday granted landing rights in Nassau, the capital of the Bahamas, the airline announced — effective August 1. The airline will now be able to fly to Mexico City via Nassau, Lisbon, and Nassau. Meanwhile, the airline says its first Pan-Am flight, scheduled for September, is already fully booked — and only twelve of the tickets are complimentary.

The passengers from Portugal fall primarily into three groups: newspapermen coming to sample tourist facilities, church leaders interested in visiting holy sites, and agronomists and farmers who will study agricultural methods. (Israel is extending assistance to Portuguese farmers.)

15 Israelis going to Sofia student games

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Fifteen Israeli sportsmen will be going to Sofia to take part in the "Students' international student games, due to take place in the Bulgarian capital later this month.

The president of the Israeli Students' Association, Shlomo Berlin, told newsmen here yesterday that the contingent will comprise 15 basketballers, two wrestlers and one athlete. He noted that no one was being sent who had not passed the minimum standards laid down by the association. Some 4,000 sportsmen from 70 countries are expected to take part in the games.

Downed flier still sought

Israeli divers aided by local divers yesterday arrived at the Ivory Coast site where a Hansa executive jet crashed over 10 days ago, killing all three Israelis aboard. Divers are searching for the body of pilot Yitzhak Peled, believed to be locked in the plane's cabin, now 20 metres below sea. (Itim)

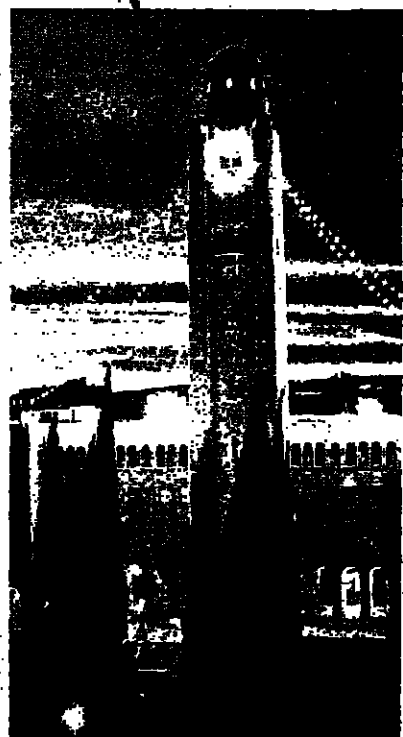
Jerusalem YMCA nears century

By RAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter
It began 100 years ago in a Bible bookshop. Today the Jerusalem YMCA can call upon a symphony orchestra and a football team to help it celebrate its centenary. The Y, known affectionately as Yimka to the residents of Jerusalem, is the only one in the world to have a membership that is 98 per cent Jewish. Its directors also believe that it is the most beautiful YMCA in the world.

At a news conference in Jerusalem's Beit Agron yesterday, U.S. Consul-General Michael Newlin, head of the Y's centennial committee, explained that the 100th anniversary in January will be marked by a special pilgrimage tour by people active in the YMCA movement throughout the world.

The guests will attend a special dinner at the Jerusalem Hilton. Other events will include a special concert by the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, which for years broadcast from the YMCA auditorium and still uses its facilities for rehearsals. The Jerusalem Betar football team, which uses its soccer field, will be asked to dedicate one game to the anniversary.

Known officially as the Jerusalem International YMCA, the Y is a branch of the American YMCA International Division. Newlin explained that the West Jerusalem institution has no formal contact with the East Jerusalem YMCA, which was founded under Jordanian rule and has an overwhelmingly Arab membership. Pinhas Rabinovitch, vice-



The central tower of the Jerusalem YMCA glows like a beacon as dusk descends slowly on the city. The tower bears inscriptions central to the Jewish, Christian and Moslem faiths.

(David Rubinger)

chairman of the board of directors and one of the Jerusalem YMCA's oldest members, explained that the present neo-Byzantine structure was

constructed between 1930 and 1933 from the plans of an American architect. The central tower, from which the visitor can view the countryside as far as the Dead Sea, is surrounded by three inscriptions central to the Jewish, Christian and Moslem faiths.

The director of the YMCA, James Rhoads, explained that the permanent staff of 70 is about evenly divided between the three faiths. But he added that the temporary staff, which includes many instructors for courses in every imaginable field, is mostly Jewish.

The building also boasts the largest pipe organ in the Middle East, a carillon of 35 bells, and a library of 25,000 volumes in Hebrew, English, French, German and Arabic. In addition, it houses the first swimming pool built in the city.

A day camp is held during the summer and other school holidays. Of the 800 children attending, 20 were admitted without payment at the request of Mayor Teddy Kollek. Free membership is given to soldiers who have been members since the age of 15.

But the leaders of Yimka are perhaps proudest of the fact that Jerusalem couples come to the lawn of the YMCA on the day of their wedding to be photographed.

ORPHANS will now be entitled to up to IL30,000 rather than IL25,000 from the Social Betterment Ministry when they get married, following approval yesterday by the Knesset Labour and Social Betterment committee of an amendment to an existing regulation.

Kollek waters dry

Ramallah hospital

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek received a letter of thanks from the Health Ministry yesterday for the prompt action he had taken the night before in sending a water-tanker to the Ramallah Government Hospital, which had been left without a drop of water following a breakdown in the mains.

A ministry spokesman said yesterday that the water supply had broken down on Sunday night, leaving the 120-bed hospital completely waterless. After trying to have the supply renewed without success, the Judea and Samaria Health Officer, Dr. Yitzhak Sever, called Mayor Kollek as a last resort — at about one o'clock yesterday morning.

The mayor immediately dispatched a water-tanker to the hospital, which was able to continue functioning until the fault was repaired some hours later.

Crime Report

Taxmen charged Mizrahi last month

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The District Attorney's office here filed charges against alleged underworld chief Bezael Mizrahi for failing to have passed on income tax deductions from his sub-contractors to the government; but Mizrahi claimed he was unaware of the charge until yesterday.

According to the charge sheet, Mizrahi, the head of the Elshay construction company, deducted IL675,000 from sub-contractors between 1974 and 1977 on behalf of the tax authorities, but the money was never passed on.

The charges against Mizrahi are to be heard in court on October 24, 1977. Mizrahi's attorney, Gabriel Cohen, said yesterday that he had not heard of the charges against his client until he read about them in the newspapers. He said he felt the whole matter was based on a mistake since the income-tax authorities owed Elshay money for advances paid to them.

Cohen said there had been a tax



Bezael Mizrahi

case against Mizrahi several months ago, and that the contractor and hotelier had been fined IL50,000. (Mizrahi had been charged with

tax evasion. The charge was later changed to omitting to declare income without a reasonable explanation.)

Describing reports about Mizrahi's alleged involvement in organized crime as "more than ridiculous," Cohen reiterated his client's intention to sue the newspaper "Ha'aretz" and MK Ehud Olmert for propagating these allegations.

Meanwhile Gideon Samet, managing editor of "Ha'aretz," said yesterday that the paper will continue to publish Avi Valentini's series of articles about organized crime in Israel. The newspaper had postponed publication of an instalment yesterday in order to increase the "impact," he said.

Another reason for the delayed publication, Samet said, was that experience had shown that extending the series' time-span would increase the information available to the reporter.

Samet said there had been a marked increase in circulation since the series began last Friday.

Soldier shows scars from razor attack in lock-up

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A soldier testifying in a burglary trial yesterday bared his body before three judges at the District Court here, to show them scars from deep cuts and blows he said were inflicted by persons inside the Abu Kabir police lock-up to force him to change his testimony.

The soldier, Yitzhak Haik, is the chief prosecution witness in the trial of four men accused of breaking into a Harekya supermarket and stealing its safe. The trial has been postponed several times because Haik did not turn up to testify, and it took a court order to the army's Adjutancy General to make him appear.

Haik yesterday told the judges that he had taken part in the burglary two years ago together with Shimon Luxon, 20, David Rosolio, 24, Yosef Kahalon, 19, and Sidney Sud, 20.

He said that when they were originally arrested and Haik gave police an incriminating statement,

Luxon had shouted to him from another cell in the Abu-Kabir lock-up to change his testimony. When the cells were locked up at night three men — whom he did not directly identify — jumped on him and cut up his back, shoulders and face with a razor blade.

The witnesses told the court that he had lain in the cell for two days without medical treatment because he was afraid to tell the guards of his injuries. When the commander of the lock-up found Haik in bed he first claimed he was wounded by police interrogators because — he said yesterday — he had feared repercussions from his former partners.

Rosolio, Kahalon and Sud have been charged with attacking Haik, and are being held until the end of their trial. After hearing Haik's testimony yesterday Judges Nehemia Behr, Elisha Vinograd and Elyanin Cohen ordered Luxon held as well, and recommended that he be charged with interfering with a witness.

'Arsonist' shopman held for 15 days

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Avraham Avni, a Parap boutique in Givatayim was burned by arsonists last month and was remanded yesterday for another 15 days at the Magistrate's Court here after police said they have very strong evidence that Avni planned the fire himself.

The Givatayim boutique went up in flames with a blast which caused a

great deal of damage in the residential building in which it is located.

Police said they have evidence implicating Avni from the man suspected of putting a match to the 100 litres of petrol which burnt the boutique. Police suspect that Avni himself let the arsonists inside the building, since there were no signs that they had broken in.

HAIFA BLAST. — A small explosive charge was set off outside the home of the Greenberg family, at 87 Rehov Masada, after midnight on Sunday. No one was hurt and only minor damage was caused.

Police believe the charge was set off to intimidate the Greenbergs' son, Moshe, who is a principal witness in the trial of a Tzira Carmel man who allegedly extorted IL20,000 from Moshe Greenberg. The alleged target was not in his parents' home at the time of the explosion. Police say the blast was caused by a charge estimated at 50 grams, set off by a fuse. Two suspects are being held for questioning.

In a Tel Aviv restaurant, was yesterday ordered held until the end of his trial at the District Court here. Dzuralskivili is accused of shooting his partner in the abdomen after a quarrel about breaking up their partnership because Dzuralskivili had suspected Tzatzashevili of stealing from the till.

MOLESTING A CHILD. — A Tzira Carmel man was yesterday remanded for seven days on suspicion of performing an indecent act upon a two-year-old boy. The man is suspected of offering a toy car to entice the boy and his five-year-old brother to enter the flat. The man denied the allegation but the magistrate ordered his remand and a psychiatric examination.

DRUGS. — A suspected dealer was arrested yesterday by Tel Aviv police in the Hatikva quarter after allegedly being caught trying to conceal a matchbox containing narcotic pills. Police said they received a tip about the drugs and were waiting in ambush.

Another drugs arrest took place in the Jaffa police station when a woman came to complain about a neighbourhood quarrel and police found 0.35 grams of hashish in a search of her belongings.

Radio's Lev-Ari to fill-in for Yaron London



Gideon Lev-Ari

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Gideon Lev-Ari, the popular radio-show host and producer of "Kolbotek" on TV London "occasionally" the controversial "Alel Eizeret" programme, which reviews the press.

London has said he was eager to have an alternate host since his show was increased from a once-a-week to three-a-week schedule. Lev-Ari will start the job at the end of this month.

Meanwhile, the Broadcasting Authority decided that whenever speeches in English are broadcast "live" on TV, the Hebrew translation will be aired simultaneously on one of the Authority's radio wavelengths. The arrangement follows criticism over the handling of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's news conference from the White House last month in which Hebrew translation of his words broke into the premier's answers and annoyed viewers.

Haifa again stalls decision about store hours

By MORDECHAI ERANN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The city executive, which for some time has been putting off a decision on changing a by-law that limits store hours, did so again yesterday. However, it seemed that the majority favoured cancelling the regulation.

The subject arose after the Merchants Association here complained that while all stores are required to close by 7 p.m. and to remain closed from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., the new discount retail outlet Malsal is operating from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Most of the council members felt that, although this is a violation, it is a great convenience for Haifa residents.

The executive however put off making a decision until next Monday; but it appears certain that they will then quash the by-law.

On another issue, city executive member Aharon Shapiro yesterday called for Haifa's airstrip to be closed to Arica airlines, because of the airline's cancellation of its Haifa-Beersheba-Sdom routes. Mayor Yerusham Zeisel said he is negotiating with two other airlines to operate these routes, and has already asked the Civil Aviation Administration to grant the appropriate permits.

Union to protest Medzini transfer

TEL AVIV. — The chairman of the Civil Service Workers' Union, Haim Bernstein, will meet with the director of the Prime Minister's Office, Dr. Elisha Ben-Ellisar, to protest the decision to replace Meron Medzini as head of the Government Press Office.

Bernstein said his union will not tolerate the transfer of workers from one job to another without the union being consulted in advance. Medzini said last night that he was unaware of Bernstein's efforts on his behalf.

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Israel's Only Department Store Chain
Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Beer-Sheva, Eilat, Netanya, Ashkelon, Kiryat Shmona, Hadera, Rishon Le Zion, Ashdod.

Prison staff hits the books — happily

By MORDECHAI ERANN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — An adult education programme for junior officers of the Prisons Service, held at Haifa University this summer, will be continued and expanded to the service's senior officers, because of its success.

So far, four groups of about 30 junior officers have completed five-day seminars. The fifth group began its seminar this week.

The programme, similar to one initiated for policemen last year by the adult education department of the Education Ministry, is compulsory for the junior prison officers. But the participants do not grumble about returning to the classrooms; instead, they have shown great enthusiasm for the idea and the subjects covered. All have said that the programme has helped open their eyes to what they have missed, widened their outlook and encouraged them to read and seek further knowledge.

The majority of the 30 or so officers in the current seminar did not graduate from high school. However, two are social workers with the Prisons Service and are college graduates. Two participants are women. The participants sleep in student dormitories.

The subjects covered by members of the university staff include lectures and discussions of Israel's political regime and ideologies, social problems, the Arab-Israeli conflict and its history, economic affairs, minorities and ethics. Virtually none of the subjects is related to the officers' work. The programme is intended as a liberal education supplement, according to Dr. Eytan Israel, director of adult education at the university, who originated the idea.

Based on the satisfactory results, Israel told *The Jerusalem Post* that such courses are now planned for the senior officers (whose educational level is usually higher — at least high school matriculation), and then further courses for the junior officers.

These seminars were planned before the recent unrest reported from some of the country's prisons. But because it was feared that journalists might question these prison officers about the disturbances, instructions came from the prisons commissioners office, after *The Post* visited the course in progress, that the participants do not speak freely to the press.

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U.N. body urges partial boycott of Rhodesia

UNITED NATIONS. — The U.N. Special Committee on Decolonization asked governments yesterday to close down Rhodesian air, tourist and information services and ban Rhodesian advertising for mercenaries in a further clampdown on Rhodesia's white minority government.

By general consent, the 24-nation committee adopted two resolutions against Rhodesia.

The first called on all governments that had not yet done so to forbid operation of Air Rhodesia, the Rhodesia National Tourist Board and the Rhodesian Information Service on their territories.

The second appealed to all states to take all necessary and effective measures to prevent advertisement for, and recruitment of, mercenaries for Rhodesia.

Neither resolution named any country except South Africa as collaborating with Rhodesia in any way. But advertisements for mercenaries for Rhodesia have

appeared in U.S. publications and Rhodesia Information offices have operated in Washington, D.C., and Sydney, Australia.

In Rhodesia itself, black insurgents blasted a stretch of railway track on a river bridge outside Salisbury yesterday, as police continued a massive manhunt for whoever carried out the weekend department store bombing that claimed 11 lives.

No casualties and only minimal damage — quickly repaired — resulted from the bombing at 1.40 a.m. of a section of the track on the Marimba River bridge in the black Jambuzuma township 11 km. from the heart of Salisbury.

The bridge, which was not damaged, spans about 300 metres from homes.

All night-time rail traffic was halted when the explosion was reported and resumed only after the site of the blast was located. (AP, UPI)



The coffin of Archbishop Makarios is draped with Greek and Cypriot flags inside the Nicosia church during yesterday's funeral services. Foreign dignitaries are standing on both sides of the bishops of Cyprus at centre. (AP)

50,000 line streets at Makarios funeral

NICOSIA. — President Makarios of Cyprus was buried in a rocky mountain tomb yesterday after a funeral service attended by dignitaries from more than 60 nations and ignored by the hostile Turkish Cypriot minority.

More than 50,000 Greek Cypriots lined the streets of Nicosia and thousands more slowed the 100-car funeral cortege in outlying villages in final tribute to the bearded archbishop, who was the unchallenged leader of the Greek Cypriot cause. He died of a heart attack on Wednesday at the age of 63.

President Constantine Tsatsos of Greece was the only chief of state at the funeral. But Queen Elizabeth sent her cousin, Prince Michael of Kent, to represent her. And a large U.S. delegation included President Carter's sister, Mrs. Ruth Carter Stapleton, Chief Justice Warren Burger, special envoy Clark Clifford and several congressmen.

Behind the coffin walked the six bearded bishops of Cyprus, resplendent in ornate gold, purple and white

robes and wearing jewelled gold crowns. They were followed by gold-robed priests swinging incense burners, and by priests in black chanting a funeral lament.

The coffin, covered by two Greek national flags and one Cypriot flag, lay in the centre of the church beneath the dome.

Later, the body was driven to Kykkos Monastery, high in the Troodos mountain range 120 kms. from Nicosia, and placed in an earth-covered stone tomb resembling an ancient burial mound. The spot, chosen by Makarios himself, is certain to become a Greek Cypriot shrine. It is close to the archbishop's native village of Panayia and the 12th Century monastery where he studied for the priesthood.

All Greek Nicosia was closed in mourning. But there was no mourning on the Turkish side of Cyprus, which has formed one-third of the island since the 1974 Turkish invasion following a Greek-led coup against Makarios.

Turkish Cypriot leaders have not hidden their strong dislike of the archbishop who claim was responsible for the troubles which have long divided the island's Greek and Turkish communities.

Greece, in a massive show of solidarity with Cyprus, yesterday also mourned the death of Makarios. State President Constantine Tsatsos, Cabinet members, the leaders of every political party, the deputy chief of the armed forces, and the head of the Greek Orthodox Church, Archbishop Seraphim went to Cyprus for his funeral.

In honour of Makarios, the General Confederation of Labour ordered ships closed down briefly here and public transport stopped. A mass was held at the Athens cathedral, and the burial ceremony and speeches in Cyprus carried live on the national radio network.

Greek politicians called on the Cypriot public to fight for the liberation of northern Cyprus from Turkish occupation.

All cultural events were cancelled, except for a concert by composer Mikis Theodorakis. It was staged at an open air theatre in memory of the deceased president. (UPI, Reuters)

Opposition to Gandhi comeback

NEW DELHI (AP). — Former prime minister Indira Gandhi's bid to regain control of the Congress Party received a setback yesterday. Congress Party president Brahmananda Reddy and veteran congressman Y.B. Chavan, now the Congress Party leader in parliament, voiced strong opposition to allowing Mrs. Gandhi back into the party's top position.

Some of the 60-year-old former prime minister's supporters last week floated the suggestion that she join Reddy and Chavan in a leadership trike to help rebuild the party following its debacle in the March parliamentary election.

Reddy and Chavan reaffirmed their support for collective leadership, but they denounced attempts by some party factions to revive what they called "personality cult."

Mrs. Gandhi's recent comeback manoeuvres appeared in part an attempt to shield her 30-year-old son, Sanjay, who is the target of at least two government probes of alleged corruption and misuse of power.

Armenians urge Carter to help regain homeland

BEIRUT (UPI). — A group calling itself the "Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia" yesterday called on President Carter to extend his human-rights campaign to helping the Armenians regain their homeland from Turkey.

The Turkish state, after some 60 years, is still unlawfully occupying the lands of the Armenians, where their ancestors had lived peacefully and served mankind for at least 4,000 years, the organization said in a letter to Carter.

The "Armenian Secret Army" recently claimed responsibility for the assassination of the Turkish ambassador to the Vatican, Taha Carim, in Rome on June 9.

Armenian political parties in Lebanon — where one of the world's largest Armenian communities, with an estimated 400,000 members, is located — have disclaimed any knowledge of the group's activities and denied any affiliation with the "Secret Army."

3,000 Rumanians working in Syria

BUCHAREST (AP). — Almost 3,000 Rumanian experts are working in Syria to develop the country's oil industry and help realize other key economic projects, the Rumanian news agency Agencepres reported yesterday.

A major project to be completed this year is the Baniyas refinery, which was planned by Rumanian technicians. Rumanian experts are also prospecting for oil in Syria's Nasseke region, and have a part in irrigation works along the Euphrates, in the construction of a cement factory at Sheikh Sayed, and in the exploitation of other raw materials, the agency said.

OAU fails in effort to halt Ogaden war

ADDIS ABABA. — With an Afro-Arab peace initiative virtually dead, Ethiopia yesterday said that the Ogaden desert conflict had escalated into a full-scale war with Somalia and warned it would "punish the aggressors."

In Libreville, Gabon, Somalia walked out of an Organization of African Unity meeting on the war when the delegates refused to allow the Western Somali Liberation Front to participate, according to press reports.

The Somali delegation left Libreville without itself taking part in the formal sessions.

The meeting opened on Friday but was subsequently adjourned following the deadlock between Ethiopia and Somalia over the Liberation Front's participation.

The Somali demand was foredoomed from the start. The Ethiopian delegation rejected participation by representatives of the pro-Somali insurgents in the Ogaden desert. But the rules of the O.A.U. itself bar participation at any conference by insurgents against member states.

Ethiopia accused Somalia of a full-scale invasion and urged the 49-nation OAU to "make every possible effort to secure the immediate withdrawal" of troops it called regular Somali troops occupying large parts of the Ogaden.

On the battlefield in south-east Ethiopia, both sides claimed modest military successes during the week. Ethiopia said its troops killed 88 Somali insurgents and the guerrillas said they captured 305 Ethiopians in a series of clashes.

In an all-out effort to halt the Somali push, Ethiopia has decided to draft even old soldiers and policemen in their 50s, according to diplomatic reports. Factory workers also volunteered to serve at the front.

Official Ethiopia radio, which previously admitted Somali forces now controlled large areas of the Ogaden, said: "Facts are facts. A full-scale war is going on..."

Vowing that Ethiopia would never accept the "humiliation" of Somali occupation of the Ogaden, the government said: "We cannot sit idle while our sacred right to live as a free and proud people is trampled upon by the concealed and chauvinistic designs of the fascist authorities in Mogadishu. We are assured of victory..."

Somali Foreign Minister Abdu Rahman Jama Barre has denied that his country had any direct link in the fighting. He said the "people of Ogaden decided to take up arms to liberate themselves from the colonial tutelage of Ethiopia."

(UPI, AP)

3 youths hit as police open fire in Soweto

JOHANNESBURG (UPI). — Shooting erupted in Soweto yesterday and police wounded three Africans and arrested 12 when youths intimidated students, a police official said.

Brig. Jan Visser, chief of Soweto police, said the police were called to Dube Vocational Training School in central Soweto yesterday morning when youths prevented scholars from going to classes.

Police fired three shots and three blacks were wounded in the incident. The shooting broke a weekend of quiet in the township 24 km. southwest of Johannesburg.

School boycotts continued yesterday, and a police spokesman said attendance in secondary schools was very poor.

African students in Soweto have boycotted classes to combat "Bantu (African) education" which they claim is inferior to white education. They derisively refer to it as "education for slavery."

Police have not confirmed a report that seven members of the militant Soweto Student Representative Council were detained over the weekend.

The black daily, "The World," reported on Sunday that seven members of the group, which has spearheaded the fight against white control in Soweto, were arrested in pre-dawn raids on Friday.

In Los Angeles, President Julius Nyerere of Tanzania said here his government welcomed the presence of Cuban advisers in Angola and wanted them to stay there until any "threats from Western countries to overthrow the Angolan Government were removed."

The president, on an official visit to the U.S., told a press conference here last night: "We don't want them (the Cubans) to leave until we are sure that both South Africa and the Western countries are not entertaining an idea of overthrowing the government of the MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola)."

Mozambique mine rescuers find 'rotting bodies'

JOHANNESBURG (UPI). — South African mine-rescue teams have found "a room stuffed full" of rotting bodies but no survivors, at the cave-in coal mine at Moatize in northern Mozambique, a mine official said yesterday.

John Bryce, superintendent of South Africa's mine-rescue training station, said the 20-man team sent to the disaster site estimated that 70 miners had been trapped and killed underground last Tuesday.

"We're not in the undertaker business," Bryce said. "The team's job is to restore normal conditions in the mine and rescue anyone who is alive."

He said it would have been "foolhardy" to enter the mine, because of the dangerous gas fumes.

Soviets destroy space lab

MOSCOW (UPI). — The Salyut-5 space station, which was home to two different sets of Soviet cosmonauts, entered the earth's atmosphere yesterday and was destroyed at the direction of Soviet Group controllers, the Tass News

Agency reported. The space lab, which was launched June 22 of last year, burned up in the atmosphere over the Pacific Ocean.

The Salyut had been in automatic "regime" since February, when two cosmonauts — Viktor Gorbatko and Yuri Gilya — returned to earth after nearly three weeks on board.

One year ago Boris Volynov and Vitaly Zholobov had spent 49 days in the laboratory.

Some Western observers believe that the Salyut-5 had suffered from more technical difficulties than previous space labs launched by the Soviets.

The Volynov-Zholobov flight, which lasted seven weeks, was apparently cut short, and an attempt by two additional cosmonauts to link up with the craft in October failed.

Like its predecessors, the Salyut-5 was used primarily for studies of the earth, sun and stars and to test man's adaptability to weightless conditions.

Sudan amnesties all subversives

KHARTOUM (AP). — Seeking to strengthen national unity against external threats, Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri has issued a general amnesty for all political prisoners in his country.

The decree, announced Sunday, also affects Sudanese exiles convicted of crimes against the state, provided they agree to return home.

The action covers anyone involved in anti-government activities since Numeiri came to power in a military coup in May, 1969. It will chiefly affect imprisoned Communists and followers of exiled political leader Sadik El-Mahdi.

Call for staggered holidays to end world tourist chaos

GENEVA (UPI). — The world vacation boom, which this year is beating all records, has led to anarchy in the tourist industry and a massacre on the highways, the International Labour Organization (ILO) said yesterday.

This situation will become worse unless governments rapidly introduce staggered vacation schemes, the ILO declared.

Predictions for 1977 show that 230 million people around the world will holiday abroad this year, an increase of 10 per cent over 1976.

A further 900 million people will be vacationing in their own countries, the ILO said.

"The continuing tourist boom underlines the need for staggered holiday schemes to help reduce the massacre on the roads and the destruction of the countryside," said

Gian-Luigi Baroncini, director of the ILO's hotel and tourism department.

"The expected requirement for more space reflects the anarchy, improvisation and amateurism that are to be seen in the tourist industry, not only in Europe but in other parts of the world," he said.

In Western Europe, Baroncini said, vacation centres have reached or exceeded saturation point in the prime holiday season.

"Extra recreation space equal to half the area of Switzerland is likely to be needed by 1980 if the present trends continue," he said.

PRELATE. — Cardinal Dino Staffa, prefect of the highest papal court, died at his home early yesterday, Vatican officials announced. He was 70 years old.

Asia scrambles for oil-rich islands

HONG KONG (AP). — China and Vietnam are gearing for a military confrontation over a group of strategic and possibly oil-rich islands in the South China Sea, Hong Kong's leading English-language daily, "The South China Morning Post," reported yesterday.

The newspaper said Vietnam's claim to the Spratly Islands, which include 96 coral reefs and atolls spread over 120,000 sq. km. in the southern part of the South China Sea, is being supported by naval units and by troops who maintain a garrison on one of the islands.

Peking had announced on Saturday that dozens of its destroyers, frigates, and gunboats, plus units of its air force, had been on exercise in the South China Sea.

The newspaper, however, did not attribute its report.

It quoted a Hanoi report from Friday that Vietnam had built up its navy and was training it to defend its territorial waters, off shore islands and continental shelf, while Peking

was backing its claim with a massive combined air and naval strike-force that includes a number of guided-missile destroyers.

The islands are thought to be sitting on a massive oilfield. They are also strategically important in controlling the sea routes between the Indian Ocean, the South China Sea and the approaches to the western Pacific.

The Spratly Islands have also been claimed by Taiwan and the Philippines. The paper said the Philippines have an army unit on one island and that Taiwan maintains a 500-man garrison on Taiping, the largest island in the group, 500 km. west of the Philippines and 800 km. south of the

Paracel Islands.

"The New Evening Post," a Hong Kong communist Chinese-language newspaper, reported on Sunday that the Chinese navy had been carrying out exercises in the region of the Spratly. It noted the Chinese success in the Paracels three years ago, when Peking's forces defeated the South Vietnamese navy.

North Vietnamese troops occupied five or six of the islands in the Spratly group in May 1976, when they overwhelmed a South Vietnamese garrison.

China's claim to the Spratly, plus the Paracels and the Pratas group, dates back to Han Dynasty times in the second century B.C.

Phillies' Carlton beats Dodgers for 16th win

NEW YORK (AP). — Steve Carlton became the first 16-game winner in the major leagues on Sunday, pitching the Philadelphia Phillies to a 3-1 baseball victory over the slumping Los Angeles Dodgers.

Carlton held the Dodgers to one run on seven hits with eight strikeouts and one walk, and got two hits and hit a sacrifice fly that drove in the go-ahead run.

The Dodgers lost their fourth straight game while the Phillies won their fifth straight.

Carlton's last loss at Philadelphia was on April 8, and over the last two seasons, he has won 20 of 21 decisions.

In other National League action, Gary Alexander drew a triple and a double and drove in four runs to lead the San Francisco Giants to a 9-4 victory over the New York Mets.

Dick Ruthven pitched a five-hitter as the Atlanta Braves downed the Montreal Expos 5-2. A two-run throwing error by pitcher Jim Rooker broke up a scoreless tie and allowed the Cincinnati Reds to score five unearned runs in the seventh inning and beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 6-0.

In the American League, Mike Cuddage drove in five runs with a two-run homer and a bases-loaded double and Dave Goolsby allowed just five hits as the Minnesota Twins swapped the Cleveland Indians 11-1.

Steve Brye hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning and the Milwaukee Brewers added four in the sixth to beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-2 in the first game of a doubleheader. In the second game, Brye doubled in the go-ahead run in a three-run fifth inning as the Brewers won 7-5.

Rookie Rance Mulliniks' two-run single capped a four-run rally and Bobby Bonds homered in his fifth consecutive game as the California Angels beat the slumping Baltimore Orioles 6-3 for a sweep of their three-game series.

Paul Blair's two-run homer highlighted a six-run third-inning rally as the New York Yankees defeated the Seattle Mariners 7-1.

Standings and results

After Sunday's games
NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	64	44	.593	—
Chicago	63	45	.583	1
Pittsburgh	62	46	.569	2
St. Louis	61	50	.552	4 1/2
Montreal	51	58	.465	13 1/2
New York	46	61	.430	17 1/2

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Los Angeles	67	43	.609	—
Cincinnati	65	44	.595	1 1/2
Houston	52	50	.510	10
San Francisco	50	61	.450	17 1/2
San Diego	48	66	.421	21
Atlanta	40	69	.367	28 1/2

Sunday's games: San Diego 6-4, Chicago 6-5; Philadelphia 3, Los Angeles 1; Atlanta 4, Montreal 2; Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 3; San Francisco 7, New York 4; St. Louis 5, Houston 2.

AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	64	43	.598	—
Baltimore	62	48	.564	3 1/2
New York	60	49	.550	5
Detroit	48	59	.449	15
Milwaukee	49	62	.442	17
Cleveland	46	60	.434	17 1/2
Toronto	38	70	.352	28 1/2

WEST

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chicago	63	44	.589	—
Minnesota	65	47	.580	1 1/2
Kansas City	61	45	.576	3 1/2
Texas	50	47	.561	8
California	52	54	.491	10 1/2
Seattle	48	64	.429	17 1/2
Oakland	42	68	.383	21 1/2

Sunday's games: Texas 4, Detroit 1; Minnesota 4, Cleveland 1; Milwaukee 6-1, Toronto 2; Kansas City 3, Chicago 2; California 6, Baltimore 3; Boston 5, Oakland 2; New York 7, Seattle 1.

NY subway riders watch fatal stabbing

NEW YORK (AP). — Police say more than a dozen persons watched without helping as a would-be robber knifed a 34-year-old Manhattan woman to death in a subway station at Lincoln Centre.

Claudia Curfman Castellana was stabbed and slashed 10 times in the chest, back and arm at the bottom of the stairs of the subway station at noon on Sunday, police said.

Witnesses said they heard the woman screaming, "Let me alone, leave me alone," just before the killer began attacking her with a large knife.

Mrs. Castellana staggered further into the station and collapsed between the turnstiles and the change booth just as passengers began to leave a train that had just pulled into the station. She was pronounced dead on arrival at Roosevelt Hospital.

Police said persons who witnessed the attack apparently made no move to help the woman fight the killer, but some of those getting off the train chased a man they believed to be the assailant. The man got away.

Police believe the assailant followed the woman into the subway, intending to rob her.

Japan cholera case

TOKYO (AP). — A 23-year-old Japanese was found to be ill with cholera on return from a Southeast Asian cruise, and another Japanese aboard the same boat had symptoms of the disease, health officials reported yesterday.

The two were among the 490 passengers of the 9,635-ton British liner Coral Princess, which sailed into the western Japanese port of Kobe on Sunday after visiting Palau Island in the southern Pacific, the Philippines and Vietnam.

Arabian night at the Theatre Royal

LONDON (AP). — Wealthy Arabs wearing diamonds and Paris fashions arrived in thousands and paid up to \$50 (about 120 shillings) for a glittering, star-studded concert of Arab popular music and dancing at London's Theatre Royal on Sunday night.

The audience of 2,000 was reported to include 21 Middle East princes and princesses who flew to London specially for the occasion.

The show starred blonde Lebanese singer Sabah, empress of the Arab stage and screen, who has made 600

records and 30 movies in her own country.

As a concession to the country where she was appearing, Sabah sang one of her 20 songs in English. The audience, mostly Arabs, stamped and shouted for her and clapped in time as she belted them out.

The theatre, which currently has been staging the American musical "A Chorus Line," had provided staples of arab, a favourite Arab drink.

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Seminar at Hebrew University The study of Jews seen as central to all civilization

By GEOFFREY WIGODER
DIRECTIONS for the future study of contemporary Jewish civilization were discussed at a four-day international seminar held in Jerusalem last week under the auspices of the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry.

In opening a discussion of the social-psychological study of contemporary Jewry, Professor Simon Herman of the Hebrew University insisted that Jewish life must be viewed as a totality. Many problems facing a particular Jewish community can only be properly comprehended when placed within a global context. He criticized some American studies of anti-Semitism for regarding it merely as a form or prejudice directed against minority groups in America and ignoring both the historical and world Jewish perspectives. He also noted that for full understanding of its characteristics and development, a Jewish community has to be studied in the context of its Gentile environment.

A conclusion of his researches has been the vital necessity to strengthen the Jewish element in Israel society, without which the Jewish people has no anchor. Social psychological problems in Israel are particularly acute among Sephardi elements. Whereas all sectors have to face the challenge of modernity, the present Sephardi generation has also to grapple with the challenge of secularization — a problem which their Ashkenazi counterparts faced two or three generations earlier. In this respect, he mentioned the over-intoxication with sport which becomes a substitute value.

Commenting on the paper, the American social psychologist, Professor Herbert Kelman warned that Israel cannot become purely Jewish — and a Greater Israel even less so. If attempts were made in that direction, injustices would be inevitable.

Professor Moshe Davis, head of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry, spoke of Jewish distinctiveness in the American tradition, with particular reference to America's relations with the Holy Land. American Jews differ from other ethnic groups in their involvement with their group on a worldwide basis. There is a strong correlation between involvement in the Jewish People as a whole and commitment to Israel as its dynamic

centre. Moreover the Holy Land is part of the spiritual history of America, organic to American Christianity.

He distinguished four elements in what he called "America's Hebrew character." First was the Bible, whose language and imagery, moral directives and human strivings are embedded in the American character. Then the Hebrew language, which was respected as the Holy Tongue. The other two elements were the Holy Land, to be studied in literary records and in the history of actual settlement, and the belief in Jewish Restoration. His comment that American Jews should not be seen as a minority but as part of the majority, given a culturally pluralistic society, aroused considerable discussion.

The noted Protestant scholar, Professor Franklin Littell, commented that in the last 50 years American Jewry has had a spiritual and religious renewal which neither Protestants nor Catholics can match.

The final day was devoted to problems arising out of Holocaust research. Professor Jehuda Bauer analysed attitudes to Holocaust historiography, contrasting the school which holds it to have been "unique" with those who maintain it to be "universal." The former stance is anti-historic, regarding the Holocaust as basically inexplicable and unrepeatable. But he warned against considering the Holocaust as an event which somehow stands outside history. If it is not seen as a link in a chain of events, its warning would be lost and it could by implication become irrelevant.

Professor George Mosse, of the University of Wisconsin, felt that it must always be remembered that the Holocaust was perpetrated in order to protect the middle-class values we hold dear. It was the supreme instance of value corruption. Jews were the victims because they were the only strangers in Europe.

The general theme of the conference, which included a discussion of inter-university cooperation in contemporary Jewish research, was summed up in Prof. Bauer's statement: "Unlike the study of contemporary civilisation in, say, Honduras or New Zealand, the study of Jews is not marginal but central to the understanding of contemporary civilisation in general."

Women who breast-feed run less risk of cancer

By LEA LEVAVI
TEL AVIV — Women of western backgrounds and of higher socioeconomic status who did not breast-feed their children are the most likely to develop breast cancer, according to two studies conducted at the Tel Aviv University Medical School.

Both studies were conducted by Dr. Alexander Schechter, Dr. Bertha Bertini and a team of colleagues.

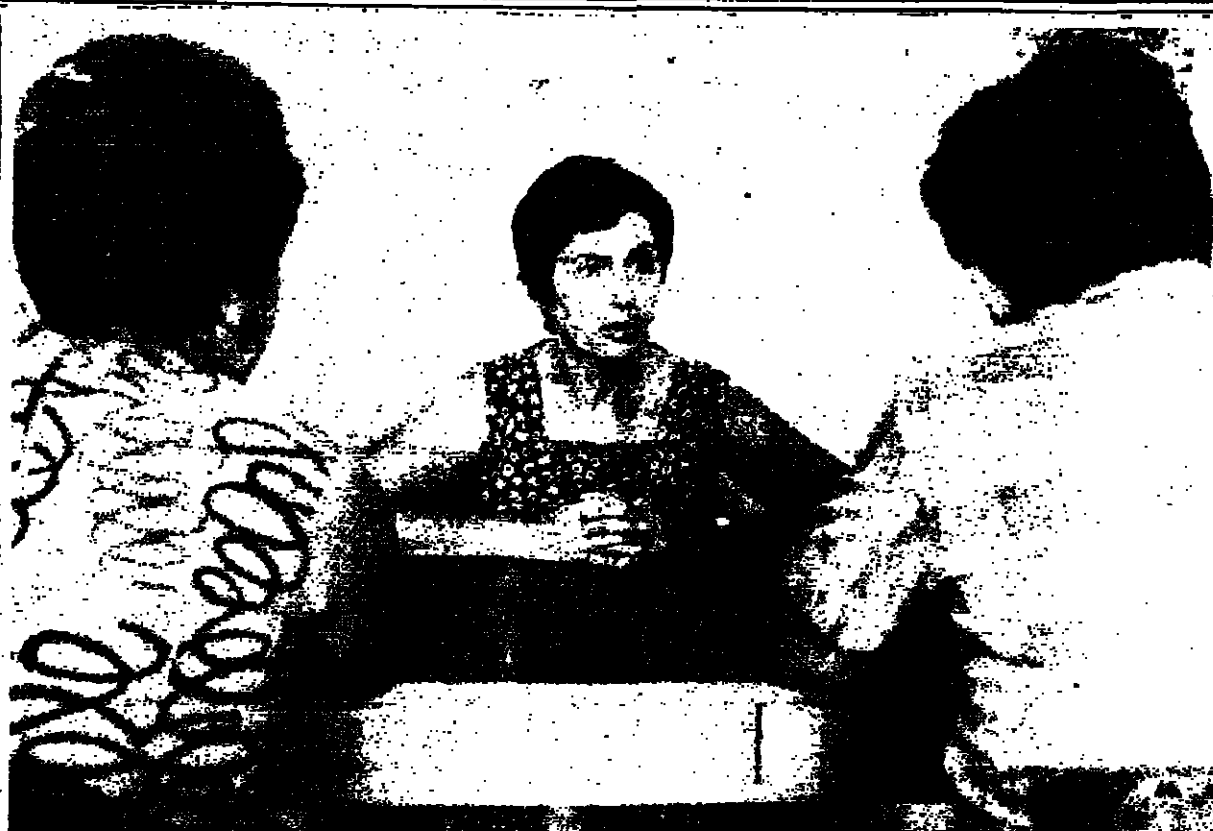
In the first study, 178 women past their menopause stage were examined. Of these 1,508 were of Western backgrounds and 290 from the Middle East and North Africa. The lowest rate of breast cancer was found among Yemenites. Over 80 per cent of the Western women showed medium to high estrogen activity as compared with 30 per cent among the Oriental women. (High estrogen activity after the menopause is a danger sign.)

In a second study, over 10,000

women — some with breast cancer, others with other breast illnesses and a control group of healthy women — were examined over a five-year period. Variables considered were economic status, age at marriage, number of children, breast-feeding (or a lack of it), etc.

Dr. Schechter said more women should undergo preventive examinations so that cases of breast and cervical cancer could be detected when complete cure is still possible, i.e. in the early stages. The examinations are not painful, he said, and they are not dangerous.

Cervical cancer is on the rise in Israel, he noted, perhaps because of increased sexual freedom, frequent change of sex partners and other related factors. He said cervical cancer used to be low among Jewish women because of their traditional life style, including 14 days abstinence from intercourse each month.



A third party is often needed to help the first two understand their marital problems and overcome them. Some 1,200 families per year find that third party at the Israel Family Counselling Association.

Family counselling helps find the pieces of shattered dreams

By DIANA LERNER
WHEN two young people from different backgrounds suddenly face conflicting norms: when in-laws take sides in a couple's quarrels; when generation, communication and cultural gaps cause tension; when children drift into bad company or take drugs; when a middle-aged couple whose adult children leave home finally realize they can't cope with the break-down of old frameworks; when the same crises facing families everywhere in the world threaten the breakdown of an Israel family — where should one apply for help?

Twelve hundred families from Metullah to Eilat annually find at least partial answers in help offered to them by the Israel Family Counselling Association in Tel Aviv which started in 1964 as a pilot project, providing part-time psychiatric consultation by a Kupat Holim volunteer staff.

The Association, which until a few years ago was housed in the building of Kupat Holim, now has its own quarters and is staffed by a team of professionals paid for by the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC), the National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Israel Government agencies and Association clients. Long before the Government gave its blessing to the need for family and marital counselling, JDC provided the first, most-paid social workers and laid the base for the Association's current work: continuing to play a vital role, JDC-Israel has supplied a third of the Association's budget since 1968 and was instrumental in developing the services now allowing for short and long term treatment of clients who travel long distances for an hour of consultation.

Today, the Israel Family Counselling Association is a model for similar agencies in different parts of the country. The Association also serves as a training centre for social workers, with third year students of the Tel Aviv University School of Social Work doing their field work and in-service training there under supervision.

"Our client is the family, and we deal with it as a unit," says Director Hassida Golan, showing us long waiting lists of interested clients referred to her by physicians, other social workers, the kibbutz. Gradually, Governmental agencies have come to recognize the need for a service that will strengthen

family relationships and safeguard the family unit. Mrs. Golan observes. The Israeli family shows the wear and tear of an immigrant population, its cultural and economic upheavals, war, social conditions, the gaps — between the culture they brought with them and that outside the home, the change of the women's role, replacement of old values by new concepts.

Adults of all ages come for a variety of daily life situations they can't handle without help. Couples come to the service for problems of incompatibility, desire for separation or divorce, advice on sexual, economic and cultural conflicts and parent-child relationships.

There are three points of crisis, Mrs. Golan observes. The first comes a few years after marriage; the second when children come into the lives of the couple; and the third when a middle aged couple has married off their children and the wife feels she has been a slave all her life, her husband feels misunderstood and their relationship is ridden with resentment and conflict.

In the Israeli family, relatives are apt to involve themselves in the quarrel, taking sides and compounding the difficulties, Mrs. Golan notes. MARRIAGE counselling is an important aspect of the work. Israeli couples get married too young, they are too dependent on their parents; they have no idea before embarking on it what married life is all about. They have shattered dreams when they come face to face with harsh reality and find themselves unable to cope.

In 1975, the largest group that applied for treatment at the Association was the group married over 10 years; the second largest was in the one to five years after marriage category. Length of treatment varied from three sessions, rising up to several months or even a year, of once a week consultations. Clients pay according to ability and are seen by professional staff as well as student social workers, depending on the case. The service has morning as well as afternoon and evening hours so as to allow for a maximum number of persons to be treated.

Many of the problems in the Israeli family have to do with the changing role of its members. Mrs. Golan believes. Each member of the couple feels he is giving more than he is getting. "And when I hear both sides,"

she says, "I think each of them has a point."

Women complain all too often that they are not given recognition for all they do; that their husbands are not affectionate enough. Sabras are often scored for not showing their feelings. There is often lack of communication that is hard to bridge. A man may complain his wife uses the children as an excuse for not letting him come near her. Often, she is angry about other things and punishes him in this way. A woman will come to the social worker with the complaint: "I am nothing but a housemaid for him, he takes everything for granted. I am tired of being a slave."

One woman came to the clinic with the story that she could no longer bear to go on with the marriage. "I stood a lot," she said, "but when he began beating the children, that was too much." She wanted a divorce, she thought, but did not know how to go about getting it.

When the social worker suggested that Senta bring her husband to the clinic, she said she did not know how to get him to come. She should keep blame out of her voice, she was advised, when talking to him. She could tell him it was she who was in need of help for her problem, that she was after all the mother of his children, that she wanted to do the best by them.

"I never believed he would consent to come," Senta exclaimed. Surprisingly, he did. "When he came to the service, we found he had severe personal problems," the social worker relates. "He began to open up, first in private sessions, then in the presence of his wife. By having them discuss their problems together, we opened a channel of communication. They are in for a long treatment, but we hope their home can be saved."

Sometimes it is the tensions of daily life that lead to family breakdown. The bitter disappointment was soon to come. The unbridled Arab nationalist incitement mounted quickly. After the murderous attacks on Tel Hal, the shameful official passivity and the enmity of the authorities towards the Jewish National Home, it again became evident that an independent Jewish defence force was necessary.

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She stills her ills with hills of pills

By KATHARINE WHITEHORN
LONDON (Otns). — The claim that the universal holiday bug stopper, Entero Vioform, is not the good news we all thought it was has filled me with gloom. Not that I ate much of the stuff, but any time one tries to discredit a pill you can be sure as day follows night that we'll get some doctor denouncing the pill-fed millions and saying how rotten it is that we're a drug-dependent society.

I must say I resent all this. It seems to be getting at me personally. I take a lot of pills and I am not ashamed of it — though no more, I suspect, than quite a lot of people who've been made to be ashamed of it by doctors. I don't, I admit, take tranquilizers — but that's only because I have no wish whatever to be tranquil.

I take secret-of-eternal-youth pills to stop my hair falling out and my eyes swimming with tears; the occasional courses of pills to stop me eating everything I see; aspirins for the odd headache; and the rare non-barbiturate sleeping pill for the nights when the mind won't stop buzzing. And why shouldn't I?

What really gets me about the anti-pill brigade is that they seem to think the thing is wrong simply because there are such large numbers doing it. They get shrill about every second housewife in Düsseldorf taking tranquilizers or note with disgust that the citizens of Hull consume their own weight in aspirin every year; but they don't explain why that makes it all more wicked for me. I don't see it.

If I have a headache, am I supposed to go on having the headache just because too many other people have had headaches that week already? Is it all right if 5,000 women in a town are guzzling the stuff, but if 6,000 are — and then do I suddenly become bad just because I'm number 5,001? In the days of bat's blood and herbal remedies, there was many a good lady per village who needed the stuff; now there are more of us, so thank goodness they've found a way of mass-producing the remedy.

I remember the sinking feeling I

got when my eldest child got to the point where he could swallow a pill without turning purple and spluttering all over the room. It should have been a great day but it wasn't, for up till then, whenever I had to cope with some infant ailment like flu or measles or an arithmetic test, I had seen myself as an angel of light pouring something soothing from a special pushing mother, stuffing my young with addictive wickedness.

And in any case, what's the alternative? Unless you seriously believe that suffering ennobles (a theory I'm only prepared to put to the test with other people's suffering) are you really going to say "I'll lay off the aspirin because I think too many people guzzle the stuff at the present time?" It doesn't seem very likely. What is likely is that someone who doesn't himself need pills will come round and make you feel rotten about it; just as the Natural Childbirth movement has made hundreds of women feel guilty about having pains in labour. It's fine to say "I am so healthy and well-adjusted that I don't need drugs"; but it rapidly becomes "You're a weakling to have these drugs whether you need them or not" and that's quite another matter.

If I were a Victorian matron who could retire for hours to a bed in lavender-scented darkness, I might well not reach so greedily for the aspirin. And if I belonged in a world where they would venerate my grey hairs, say "Yes, Mama" whenever I spoke and think that my wisdom grew with my waistline, I might well give up any attempt to arrest the downward slide.

But I don't. I live — we all live — at a pace, with an insecurity, which makes us need all the help we can get. And if some sunny earth mother whose extreme youth and creamy skin enables her to despise all artificial aids comes round and tries to make me feel sleazy and corrupt for gulping the odd tablet, why then I'll — well I'll make her wish I was on tranquilizers, that's all. I'll certainly do my best to make sure that she needs them after meeting me.

DANCE/Dora Sowden

The astonishing variety of the Spanish dance



Silvia Duran

THE astonishing variety of Spanish dance was demonstrated by Silvia Duran at the Tel Aviv Club in Tel Aviv on Sunday night when she presented a brilliant new solo programme of seven dances — and brought the house down.

Three of the dances were regional. With short-skirt, soft-shoe charm that involved various types of footwork — high kicks and turns in Malagan style, swift leaps and "travelling" in northern Andalus and intricate ankle action in Salamancan tradition. Each had its own kind of gaiety and tease.

For sensual elegance there was

the opening classical Sevillian dance in a magnificent long-sleeved dress. Her sensual boldness, two flamencos of different appeal conveyed the smouldering sentiment within the Spanish temperament. One was more of the theatre type with castanet encouragement, long-tailed excitement, dramatic shawl play and meaningful heel tapping — in all of which the dance never lost dignity. Tel Aviv was in the final flamenco that Silvia Duran showed her virtuosity, with a zapateado on a table top where her heels almost spoke and where her fiery, flashing movements raised the temperature. The full house roared for more.

In several of the dances Silvia Duran had the live accompaniment of guitarist Baldi Oller who showed equal competence in classical and gipsy style. When at the end he broke into Latin-American song and rhythm — well the dancer gave one of her encores, voice, instrument and player came really alive.

Silvia Duran's particular gifts lie in her capacity to change from lyrical to dramatic dance — and the use she makes of her skills. The easy side-stepping, seductiveness, the arched body in flamenco fury, the use of castanets to heighten comment, the control of speed and space, pause and pulse, the subtle timing, showed her as the true artist — to her fingertips and her heel taps.

WRITERS AND READERS / Sraya Shapira

More than just another dictionary

EFRAIM and Menahem Talpi have compiled their *Lezicon Zioni* (Zionist Dictionary) for the uninitiated — that is, for 99 per cent of us.

Who coined the term "Zionism"? It was Nathan Birnbaum, a fiery Viennese who decried assimilation and joined Herzl at the First Zionist Congress. He later cooled off towards Zionism, founded Agudat Yisrael, proselytized for Yiddish and the preservation of a Jewish entity in the Diaspora — something on the lines of "Breitra." It seems. God was merciful to Birnbaum, who died in Holland just before the Holocaust.

The Talpis (they are father and son, and have jointly published many a reference book on Israel and its recent history) pile up under "Zionism" any event or name associated with the effort of the Jews to gather in Palestine, including incidents which marked the actual process of the Return.

There is an entry on the Ghetto, which includes a reference to the "final solution" of the Nazis; on the Protocols of the Elders of Zion; on Alexander Zaid, the intrepid watchman of the Jezreel Valley; on the Arab Boycott, The Jewish

Brigade Group of the Second World War is mentioned, as well as the Sejera farm; Ma'abarot; the birthplace of "Hashomer"; The Histadrut; The Bezalel Art School; Ben-Zion's old and the new settlements in the Golan; the Feisal-Weismann agreement; the Struma; the Charter Herzl wanted to negotiate from the Sultan; the Israel Defence Forces — all are duly explained. Obviously, Herzl has an entry to himself.

The chairmen of the Zionist Organization are listed. The Peel commission and its suggestion of Partition; the Russian Yevsektsia; the Immigration quotas for Jews in Palestine, the Knesset are described in a few lines.

The authors shirk controversy on internal affairs. In describing the Irgun Zvai Leumi, for instance, they stick to facts, stating only that the IZL "refused to accept the authority of the Yishuv and the elected institutions of the Zionist Organization." But when the fate of the Yishuv is at stake, the text oozes passion. After the British conquest of Palestine, the Lezicon says in speaking of "Hashomer" watchmen, "many believed there was no need

any more for a special defence organization for the Jews, for one could rely on the British administration. The bitter disappointment was soon to come. The unbridled Arab nationalist incitement mounted quickly. After the murderous attacks on Tel Hal, the shameful official passivity and the enmity of the authorities towards the Jewish National Home, it again became evident that an independent Jewish defence force was necessary." The result was the establishment of the Hagana, the forerunner of the Israel Defence Forces.

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THE ISRAEL FESTIVAL 1977

Today

- * Beethoven: Missa Solemnis. The Stuttgart Radio Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Gary Bertini. Well known soloists and choir. 8.30 p.m. Mann Auditorium (all tickets sold).
- * The Royal Belgian Neoclassical Ballet — Van Vlaanderen. 8.30 p.m. Binyanei Ha'Ooma, Jerusalem.
- * Vidua Trif. Works by Beethoven. 8.30 p.m. Khan, Jerusalem.
- * Joseph Kallishstein plays Beethoven Piano Sonatas. 5.00 p.m. Tel Aviv Museum.

Tomorrow

- * Beethoven: Missa Solemnis. The Stuttgart Radio Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Gary Bertini. Soloists: Heather Harper, Alfreda Hodgson, Peter Brown, Gwyneth Jones, and Rutger. Radio Choir. 8.30 p.m. Binyanei Ha'Ooma, Jerusalem. (A few tickets left).
- * The Royal Belgian Neoclassical Ballet — Van Vlaanderen. 8.30 p.m. Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv.
- * Meiss Quartet (West Germany). Works by Beethoven. Israel Festival premiere. 8.00 p.m. Binyanei Ha'Ooma, Jerusalem. (A few tickets left).
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— Tickets: agencies, and Tel Aviv Museum (Chamber Music) —

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Tender No. 46/D-1/ISP/77

ISRAEL SEWERAGE PROJECT

Greater Dan Region Association of Towns (Sewerage) hereby invites contractors to submit bids for the construction of the North Holon and Azor Sewage Pumping Station. Tender Documents and Forms of Tender can be obtained against payment of IL3,000 (not-refundable) from the Engineering Department of the G.D.R.A. of Towns (Sewerage), 24 Nahlat Benyamim Street, Tel Aviv. Prospective bidders should submit bids in two copies on the forms provided and in compliance with the conditions of Tender. The bid, accompanied by a bank guarantee of 5% (five per cent) of the bid total, valid for a period of 120 days from the last day set for the submission of the Tender, must be placed in the tender box not later than 23.57 at 12.00 noon.

The envelope containing the bids should be marked: The Israel Sewerage Project Tender No. 46/D-1/ISP/77 Greater Dan Region Association of Towns (Sewerage). Bids arriving after the closing date and bids submitted without the bank guarantee will not be considered. Terms of payment: 80% in cash against an approved interim bill as specified in the Tender Documents.

Bids may be submitted by contractors who have been prequalified for the Israel Sewerage Project for works of a value of at least IL3,000,000. Bids may also be submitted by others, who are registered in the Contractors' Register under the section: sewerage, drainage, and waterworks for work of at least IL3,000,000. These contractors will have to apply for qualification. The tenderer must attach to his bid a copy of his registration as a contractor in the Contractors' Register. Inspection for contractors will be held on 6.9.77, leaving from the office of G.D.R.A. of Towns at 10.00 a.m. The Tender Board is not bound to accept the lowest or any proposal for the entire works or parts thereof.

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Chairman of G.D.R.A. of Towns (Sewerage)

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Bulls on rampage in woolly session

TEL AVIV. — The bulls again went on a rampage in a wild and woolly session which saw prices continue to barrel ahead. Turnover exceeded 115m.

At current price levels if there are still any bargains left it is very hard to find them.

Commercial banks felt the brunt of the buying spree. Union Bank led the group on an unaccountable 40 point gain to 543, a gain of almost 8 percent for the session. The capital notes cum options soared by 24 to 420 while the shares with options (new) were driven up to 616.

Misrah Bank, recently a constant visitor on the most active list, broke sharply upwards and gained five points to 226. At this level the shares are still under their June 26 high of 230. Observers at one of the major banks suggested that the bank may be coming out with a new favourable financing. This would be over and above the already announced rights issue.

Bank Leumi approached the 300 mark as it closed one under this level at 299. Hapoalim added one to 360. Among mortgage banks the demand persisted. General Mortgage Bank on a rise to 480. Carmel Bank on a rise to 430. Shikha could not be bought at all as the shares were "buyers only" and were fixed at 290.

Insurance shares were mixed but generally traded higher. Land development shares were the only ones not to fully participate in the great upswing. Property and Building reached the 350 mark on a slight gain. Industrials were very strong. Bial II 2.5 continued to advance and scored a 20 point gain to 590. Dubei was a stellar feature as it rose by 70 to 955.

American-Israeli Paper Mills added on still another 15 to 380. A source

close to the company confirmed that the giant paper maker was making good headway in its recent earnings recovery. Other than the anticipations of a good second quarter, there does not appear to be any news to account for the shares' recent sharp rise.

Polygon was "buyers only" and was fixed at 387.5. The shares are benefiting from rumours of an impending new capital financing issue. The Futurcom new issue stole the spotlight among the industrials. In massive block trading the shares rose to 177.5.

Investment companies had a rousing session. Perhaps the most striking picture in this sector is the "buyers only" sign recently being flashed for the investment companies of the big three banks. Bank Leumi was "buyers only" and was quoted at 387. Hapoalim investments was 17 higher at 387, while Discount gained 15 to 387.5.

Central Trade jumped by 55 to 895. Jordan Exploration was 50 ahead at 1890. The options gained 90 to 2490. Export was "buyers only" at 275.5. Cial Investments continued unchanged at 265.5 and was most active with 112.2m. shares changing hands.

The Natad investment dollar slipped by one again to 11.15 on an offer of 57,000. The index-linked bond market continued to limp in uninspired fashion.

The General Index of Share Prices rose by 1.06 per cent.

Most Active Issues

Cial Inv.	285.5m.c.	ILS 216,000
Futurcom (new)	7.5+14.5	ILS 733,300
Misrah (B)	226+5.0	ILS 270,300
Bank Leumi	299	ILS 270,300
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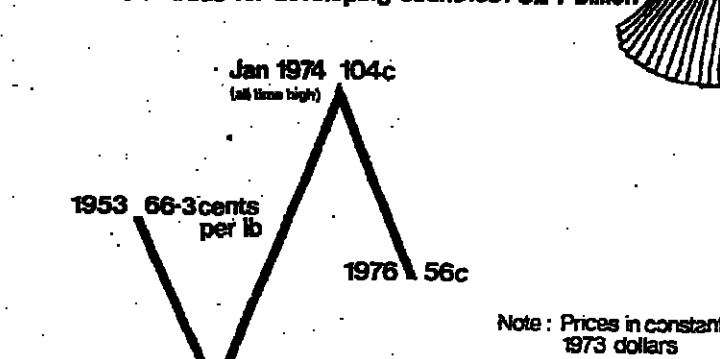
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COTTON

A commodity hit by synthetics

Developing countries supply 55% of world exports of raw cotton. At same time they buy 20% of world imports. Sales suffered severely from synthetic fibres.

Value of world trade for developing countries: \$2.7 billion



Main exporters (% of world exports)

Country	% of world exports
US	19
Egypt	14
Sudan	8
USSR	7.5
Turkey	7
Brazil	6

Main importers (% of world imports)

Country	% of world imports
Japan	20
West Germany	6
China	6
France	6
Italy	5.5
India	5
Poland	4.5
UK	4

Seventy-five nations produce cotton, among them many of the world's developing countries, but demand fluctuates widely and factors like the availability of synthetics and the price of oil can mean the difference between progress or disaster for those countries. Yet the latest round of commodity negotiations at the United Nations Commission on Trade and Development in Geneva shunted aside any attempt to stabilize prices and production, or to develop a buffer stock system. The U.S. supported such tactics for sugar, but doubted they would work for cotton because of the "completely" involved in they would work for cotton.

Exports rebounding since second quarter

By SHLOMO MAOZ

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Industrial exports excluding diamonds, aircraft and ships have rebounded since the second quarter of the year, according to recent data from the Central Bureau of Statistics. An analysis of the figures by the Bank of Israel shows that the exports increased in real terms by 2.4 per cent against the first quarter, a period in which industrial exports had dropped by 4.5 per cent.

In the last four months industrial exports have improved by an average of \$120m. per month, reaching the same level as that of the last quarter of 1976. Industrial exports excluding diamonds had risen by an average of 28.6 per cent in 1976, largely in the second and

third quarters, which showed 8.5 per cent increases. According to the Bank of Israel, the drop off in the pace of increase this year was expected, because of the increased investments sparked by last year's gains. The beginning of the year also showed a decline in defence exports.

According to the Bureau, the total export picture, excluding seasonal fluctuations, has improved by 15 per cent for this July as compared to last July.

In the first seven months of the year, overall exports increased 28 per cent compared with the same period last year, reaching \$1.67b. Industrial exports excluding diamonds rose 20 per cent; diamonds alone rose 49 per cent; and agricultural products rose 15 per cent.

Government advised to sell troubled diamond company

By SHLOMO MAOZ

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The Committee of Economic Ministers yesterday appointed a committee to recommend the terms of sale of the Government-owned Pituh Research and Development Co., a diamond importing company set up in 1950 which was blasted by the State Comptroller four months ago for irregular procedures, losses and bad management.

The committee is composed of Dr. Moshe Mandelbaum, director, general of the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, Moshe Alpan, the chairman of the board of Pituh, and Mordechai Berger, the Commissioner of Government Corporations.

A month before the elections, MK Gideon Patt, now Construction and Housing Minister, had written to the then chairman of the Knesset Committee, deprecating the firm's losses of the company, which had been pointed out by the State Comptroller

in a special report published a week before. Patt stated that the officials of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry had consistently misled the Finance Committee about this company.

The Comptroller had pointed to several irregularities, including accounting procedures which may have encouraged the company's employees to accumulate foreign currency holdings abroad; improper income tax payments on behalf of employees, which almost amounted to abetting income tax avoidance; excessive foreign travel; and the accumulation of considerable losses.

Auto insurance rates to increase by 30% in the next four months

By SHLOMO MAOZ

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich has decided not to change the law and regulations for compulsory car insurance approved by the Knesset last year, but to raise the premiums by 14.3 per cent in September. A further rise of an estimated 15 per cent will follow in January 1978.

According to the law, premiums on compulsory car insurance may be raised twice a year, on January 1 and July 1 by a full rise of the Cost-of-Living Index. When the law was discussed last year, the Knesset Finance Committee asked the Treasury to postpone the first adjustment of the premiums to September 1, instead of July 1.

The rise is based on the increase in the index for the average of January-March over the average of July-September 1976. The half-yearly increases in the premiums will not be cumulative.

When the law for compulsory automobile insurance was passed by the Knesset, the Treasury said that the premiums would be reviewed in the light of experience. Dr. Ben-Ami Zuckerman, the Commissioner of Insurance in the Treasury, said yesterday that it was still too early for an evaluation.

So far, premiums to a total of IL600m. have been collected for insurance policies valid up to mid-1977. Zuckerman therefore believes that a re-assessment of the premiums will not be possible before 1978.

And now Israel

ON THE EVE of U.S. Secretary of State Vance's arrival in Jerusalem it is possible to detect a certain rhythm in his swing through the area.

He has arrived at each of the major capitals with what is hailed as a concession from the "other" side, in order to obtain a favourable response.

Thus in Cairo he confronted Sadat with Israel's willingness to go to Geneva or engage in talks in New York, and got Sadat to agree at least to the latter. From there Mr. Vance went to Damascus to tell Assad that Sadat had agreed to New York, thus offering at least a temporary way of side-stepping the Palestinian problem. Assad in turn agreed to very much watered-down New York meetings, but insisted fundamentally on Geneva with the PLO.

And yesterday, prior to Mr. Vance's arrival in Israel, President Carter, amplified by statements from the Vance entourage, disclosed that the PLO might be prepared to "accept" UN resolution 242 and thereby Israel. The Secretary of State's spokesman added that the U.S. would consider such a PLO move as tantamount to the terrorist organization's altering its notorious Covenant which calls for the elimination of Israel. (Vance only recently made a change in the Covenant a specific condition for PLO participation in peace talks.)

The intention, presumably, is to confront Israel with the possible makings of a U.S.-Arab front favouring a Geneva conference with the PLO.

This is, of course, a far cry from the statements in Washington last month during Mr. Begin's visit. It is a far cry from agreement to free negotiations between the parties with no preconditions or, in plain language, stacked cards. Rather the outcome of the negotiations, it seems, should be shaped before they begin — as the Arabs have always demanded.

Presumably if the PLO were indeed ready to "accept" 242, as the U.S. has for long intended, they would also insist on amending the resolution, which talks only of "refugees" and not Palestinian rights.

Now it should be clear that there are rather specific American commitments to Israel on these matters. According to these commitments, the U.S. will not agree to any change in the wording of 242 without Israel's agreement and recognizes Israel's right to veto the participation of the PLO in Geneva.

Certainly it would be unfortunate if the PLO question were at this stage allowed to block the prospects that appeared to have opened for negotiations.

Those prospects, deriving from a willingness to hold free-wheeling talks with no predetermined outcome, were anchored in a rational procedural approach to the various elements of the Israel-Arab conflict: the relatively easier issues should be tackled first and the more knotty problems later, with each agreed step fostering further agreement.

The Arabs have, however, always resisted such a method. They have wanted the result predetermined — through the "good offices" of the U.S.

Washington has always resisted getting itself into such a fixed position, knowing it could stifle the very possibility of any talks. Hopefully nothing has occurred during Mr. Vance's trip that would dampen the prospects of genuine negotiations.

No charters to Jerusalem

THE CONTINUING refusal of the State Department to let American aircraft bring passengers to Atarot airport, Jerusalem, is a cause of genuine puzzlement.

The area is classified by Western officialdom as "occupied territory," that is true. The Americans do not approve the creation of Jewish settlements there — a fact we have to put up with. But Geneva Conventions surely do not prohibit the development of a tourist amenity like civil aviation.

Holiday-makers — Arab and non-Arab — are allowed to travel into Israel overland from across the Jordan border. Indeed Americans take charter flights to Amman, and then board a bus for Jerusalem.

But they cannot make a short cut, and fly to Jerusalem direct. The airport was not built by Israelis; it was there before 1967. All the travel authorities are trying to do is utilize it, develop it, expand it. Visitors who arrive there put up in the local hotels, a good many of which are Arab-owned. Practically all of them have Arabs on their payroll.

Foreign guests shop not only in West Jerusalem, but also (and mainly) in the Old City. They patronize not only Jewish restaurants, but enjoy shishlik and kebab in many excellent establishments situated within a stone's throw of Damascus Gate.

The tourist inflow is a purely commercial activity, which does not give Israel any political rights over the administered areas that we did not possess before. Nor does it afford the military any tactical or strategic advantage.

All that the State Department's blanket ban accomplishes is to prevent American voyagers who want to use a particular route from indulging their wish. Other countries, sad to say, have followed Washington's example. What contribution that makes to peace and international understanding is hard to fathom.

Begin doesn't need the DMC

The apparently shaky numerical closer reading of political basis on which Mr. Begin's realities would seem to indicate government continues to rest that the present government is following the breakdown of the firmly entrenched...at least for talks with the DMC is misleading, writes Yosef Goell. A unlikely to be offered better terms.

LAST WEEK'S DECISION of the Democratic Movement for Change not to enter the coalition on the terms being offered at present, ended on a cryptic note by Prof. Yigal. Yadin that the day of the DMC's entry into the government "was near."

If Prof. Yadin was seeking to express the hitherto frustrated but none the less avid craving of a significant segment of the DMC to enter the coalition at any price, he was not far from the mark. His remark also reflected the equally intense desire on the part of the Liberal Party contingent in the Likud for reinforcement by the DMC within the Cabinet.

Prof. Yadin's estimate was wide of the mark, however, if it was based on a belief that Mr. Begin needed the DMC to flesh out his majority. Two months after the establishment of his government, political reality would seem to indicate that Mr. Begin feels that he does not really need the DMC. While it would be easier for the coalition foot-soldiers in the Knesset, their adherence to the coalition is far from being an absolute necessity.

This would seem to be the major explanation for the fact and mouse game the Prime Minister and the Likud negotiators have been playing with the DMC.

Mr. Begin's coalition at present includes the Likud's 45 seats, the National Religious Party's 12, and Moshe Dayan, for a total of 57. The Aguda's four and Poalei Aguda's one are in a position of supporting the coalition conditionally but not being

in the government. And Mr. Flatto-Sharon is tacitly supporting the government.

When viewed in simple numerical terms it is indeed a shaky basis for a government. But when one thinks in terms of potential scenarios in which motions of no-confidence will be submitted to a vote in the Knesset Mr. Begin should not have too much cause for concern. For in such a case, as opposed to that of a vote of confidence, it is the opposition which must muster a majority.

Some of the optimistic thinking in the DMC is based on the belief that sooner or later there will be a falling out between the Likud and the Aguda over some far out Aguda demand on a religious issue which the majority of the Likud (which is secular with a vengeance despite Mr. Begin's flaunted religiosity) will find it impossible or impolitic to concede. At that time, the thinking goes, Mr. Begin will have no one to fall back on except for the DMC, which will then exact its price for joining the government.

On paper it all sounds eminently reasonable; in real life Mr. Begin does have alternatives to an ultimate

rely on DMC support. It is not unlikely that a situation will arise in which the Aguda will withdraw its support from the government. But this is insufficient in itself to guarantee the government's downfall. To make the fall of the government even remotely possible the Aguda would have to vote against the government rather than suffice by abstaining on a motion of no-confidence.

Experience in the past has shown that even when the Aguda's active support is forfeited due to differences on religious issues, its crucial abstention on motions of no-confidence can be bought with money or its equivalent in economic advantages.

But even if the Aguda were to vote against the government in a hypothetical falling out between today's political allies it should not be superhumanly difficult for Mr. Begin to attract the one or two votes he would need to guarantee the slim majority he needs. Mr. Flatto-Sharon is already there, making it 59 for the government sans the Aguda. The Alignment's Amos Hadar is on the fence or not far from it and

susceptible to wooing by his mentor Moshe Dayan; and at least two or three members of the DMC contingent would not be averse to active wooing from the Likud if the conditions were right.

All the above is to argue that Mr. Begin's government is here to stay for the immediate future and should not be expected to crumble in the face of the first ill-wind. To be sure, there are differences of opinion on foreign policy, economic affairs and religious questions within the coalition which theoretically could widen to full blown schisms. But that is in the realm of theory; in practice, the main impression one gets from the new government, is that nearly all of its protagonists are so overjoyed at finally making it to power after spending so many years in the political desert that they will permit no doctrinal differences to threaten their continuation in power.

The two potential exceptions to this statement are Minister of Agriculture Arik Sharon and the Prime Minister himself. Mr. Sharon has not gone out of his way to make a name for himself as a paragon of flexibility; but the term inconstancy

would fit him better. Although he is today portrayed as the major representative of the annexationist elements within the government it should not be forgotten that during the election campaign Mr. Sharon was willing to flirt with the super-doves of the Independent Liberal Party and that he is on record with conflicting statements on the future of the territories. In short, there is reason to believe that with all his stormy instability Mr. Sharon will toe the line to maintain this government in power no matter what. A very good reason backing up this argument is that he really has nowhere else to go.

Before he assumed office, Mr. Begin's opponents were predicting that his innate doctrinal inflexibility on foreign policy would be the cause of his own downfall. It is too early to write off this argument completely for the long run, but in the short run Mr. Begin has confounded his critics with his unexpected flexibility, witness his masterful tactics on the going to Geneva dilemma and in his defusing of the potentially explosive settlement issue.

There is, thus, little reason to expect that the DMC will be offered better terms than they have been to date to enter Mr. Begin's government. The one reasonable exception to this flat statement is the offer of personal concessions to some DMC leaders to induce them to enter the government for the main purpose of bringing about a split in the DMC itself.

It is unlikely that this is what Prof. Yadin had in mind when he spoke to the DMC Council last week.

READERS' LETTERS

CONTRAVENING EEC AGREEMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Earlier this year, you quoted my challenge to the customs authorities to show under which section of the agreement with the EEC they were allowed to cause a rise in duties on imported cigarettes, as has been done on January 1, 1977. Needless to say that the challenge has not been met.

However, the Finance Committee of the Knesset "has been convinced that the said rise did not infringe on the agreement with the EEC," (according to a letter they sent me), and Dr. Mandelbaum, Director-General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has also stressed that view to "Ha'aretz".

I now have in my possession a letter from the Common Market which reads, inter alia, as follows:

"The Israeli Government has answered that this increase is justified by having to compensate for the loss resulting from the considerable devaluation of the Israeli pound. Adjustments of this kind are specifically allowed under the GATT rules. The Commission has not con-

tested that such adjustments are compatible with GATT but has pointed out that the agreement between the EEC and Israel does not provide for this facility. Adjustment of the customs duty is therefore contrary to this agreement and can only be effected with the consent of the Community Authorities. Israel has not requested such authorization, and the increase must therefore be cancelled. On 28 June, 1977, the Commission sent a formal diplomatic note to the Israeli Government indicating this fact."

It may be interesting to note that, on the Continent, such an agreement becomes part of the law of the land. Hence, any citizen may sue the government for infringing on an international convention to which his country is a signatory. Unfortunately, this is not the case here, and the Government has collected millions of pounds under a regulation which contravenes its own international signature. Justifying such infringement publicly makes things even worse, and the citizen, under our laws, is without redress.

Jerusalem. ODED ELIACHAR

RECYCLING BINS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In connection with your article "Tora remnants found in paper bins" (August 1), I wish to inform you that the collected contents of the recycling bins are hand-sorted at the Hadera plant of "Amnir," waste paper merchants, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Hadera Paper Mills.

Many remnants of Tora scrolls, Bibles, prayer books, even school books dealing with the Scriptures, are carefully removed to special containers. These neshamot

("souls") are periodically handed over to the Religious Council of Hadera, who — we are informed — bury them.

We are inviting Rabbi Torenheim of the Committee for the Sanctity of Israel to our plant to observe our operations.

For your information, the same respectful treatment is accorded to remnants of the Koran.

Deputy General Manager,
American Israeli Paper Mills Ltd.
Hadera.

POSTSCRIPTS

WE SWITCHED over to Jordan TV one evening last week and found ourselves in the Middle of an interview.

The guest was Dame Kathleen Kenyon, the famous archaeologist, and she had some interesting things to say. No, she said in answer to a question, she did not think that Jericho had fallen at the blast of trumpets. She preferred the testimony she found in the soil to "literary testimony" usually written long after the event.

What about the Temple of Solomon? She was prepared to believe that it had once existed, she said, but did not believe that a single stone remained extant anywhere.

Geographically speaking, the interview was a little difficult to follow. Sometimes the reference was to Jordan, sometimes to Palestine, usually to "Palestinian archaeology." The West Bank, Jews and Israel were avoided like the plague.

At the end of the interview televisioners were shown the magnificent decoration recently bestowed on Dame Kathleen for her services to Jordanian and Palestinian archaeology. It contained a lot of stones, none of them ancient, but all looking very precious.

Incidentally, according to "Who's Who," K.K.'s hobby (if a layman may be allowed to refer to her in the same way as her fellow archaeologists) is gardening. Which sounds rather like a busman's holiday for someone whose profession is digging.

F.D.

JEWISH weddings in London, a recent visitor notes, are usually celebrated in a synagogue and the reception follows in a hall or at an hotel.

For the guest from abroad, it is not always easy to find the hotel without a guide. And what better guide than

the white-brided limousine, with the bride in her white wedding dress and flowing veil sitting sedately inside?

Except when you catch up with the limousine and discover that the "bride" is one of the many elegant Arab sheikhs now residing in London, clad in his flowing white robes and a floating white keffiyeh on his head.

By that time, of course, you've lost your way and you never get to the reception.

L.T.

MALAGA, the resort town on the southern coast of Spain, might be one of the last places you'd expect to find a mikva (ritual bath) and kosher restaurant. But they have both been built by Habad hassidim at the bidding of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. The \$30,000 mikva and the restaurant (which offers food at low prices) are meant to service some of the thousands of Jews who flock to Malaga for their holidays.

Rabbi Avraham Parsham of Toronto to recently dedicated the new mikva while on an around-the-world tour of many Hasidic centres on behalf of the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

Similar facilities have been constructed in Bologna, Italy; Cape Town, South Africa and other cities. A chain of several dozen summer camps are being run in Europe, Canada and the U.S. for Jewish families — including Israeli emigrants and Russian "dropouts" who want to learn about their heritage.

J.S.

THE "ghosts" of old politicians die hard in the offices they inhabited for years.

Yisrael Galili, who had been minister-without-portfolio in Labour governments ever since 1965, still occupies rooms 258-7 in the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem — at least, according to the sign posted at the downstairs entrance. Actually,

the white-maned politician has retired to his home in Kibbutz Na'an. Explains a guard: "The new government's been so busy, they haven't had time to make a new sign."

If you're looking for Shmuel Katz, the Prime Minister's adviser on information abroad, you'll find him in Galili's comfortable, high-backed chair.

J.S.

A FRIEND of mine has come up with a Biblical "scenario" for the "Son of Sam" drama making headlines in the American press.

"The Son of Sam," he says, "is obviously Samson. Samson was betrayed by Delilah. He considered himself very macho and she robbed him of his virility."

Perhaps this idea may give "New York's finest" another lead in their attempts to catch the manic murderer.

G.S.

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SUBSIDIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — There is considerable misunderstanding concerning subsidies. It is always claimed that subsidies should be paid directly to the poor, and goods should not be subsidized. Actually when goods are subsidized, this is also a way of subsidizing the poorer sections, as they receive much more than they pay in taxes, while the richer sections pay much more in taxes than they receive back in subsidies.

Experience based on a period of several decades in various countries shows that giving subsidies to the poorer sections instead of subsidizing goods does not work well for the following reasons:

1. A special body has to be created in order to determine who is entitled to the subsidy. In spite of the considerable expense involved, mistakes occur and subsidies are paid to people who do not need them. When goods are subsidized, expenses involved in establishing lists and investigating recipients are avoided.

View from Nob

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Moshe Kohn's articles, "View from Nob," are always interesting and refreshing.

But why is the column called so? Neither the name of the destroyed town of priests, nor the place from which Samson undertook the attack on Jerusalem give me a satisfactory explanation.

PAULA LEVINGER

Jerusalem.

Moshe Kohn comments: I am a cohen, and I chose that title for my column because I felt an affinity to the kohanim (priests) of that town whom Saul had murdered because they helped David when he was fleeing from Saul.

WHICH SHOPS ARE CLOSED WHEN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On July 28, you reported that shops in Tel Aviv might be closed one afternoon a week. Let us not forget that Tel Aviv is a tourist centre, and it is already bad enough that travel agencies are closed every Wednesday afternoon.

I live in Ramat Gan where one has to have a good memory to remember that baker shops close on Monday afternoon, banks on Wednesday afternoon, and other shops on Tuesday afternoon.

JAMES SPRINGER

Ramat Gan.

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PAUL SAGGER

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